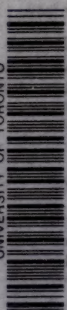


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and Editor of the Gentleman's Magazine.*

Born 1745. — Died 1826.

ADVERTISEMENT.

A FINAL volume of the Literary Illustrations is now presented to the public. It is useless to regret that it did not sooner appear.

The first portion of the volume concludes the Correspondence of Dr. Percy, Bishop of Dromore. For some judicious notes on these Letters I am indebted to Sir Frederic Madden, K.H., F.S.A., and to the Rev. John Mitford, M.A. Joseph Hunter, Esq. V.P.S.A., has also favoured me with valuable assistance.

The Correspondence between Bishop Percy and Mr. Pinkerton has been rendered more complete by the kind permission of Dawson Turner, Esq. F.R.S. (with the concurrence of Mr. Bentley), to insert some letters of Pinkerton to Bishop Percy, from Mr. Turner's volume. Bishop Percy's Miscellaneous Correspondence includes letters from many eminent individuals, which will be found to possess considerable interest.

To the Rev. John Webb, F.S.A., I am indebted for some early specimens of Mr. Bowyer's lighter correspondence with Mr. Penoyre, a college friend.

Dr. Thomas Forster has contributed from his "Epistolarium Forsterianum," privately printed, memoirs of several members of his family, and also favoured me with some valuable letters to the Rev. Benjamin Forster, Rector of Boconnoc, from Bishop Warburton, Thomas Warton the Poet Laureate, the Poet Mason, Baron Maseres, and the Rev. John Whitaker, the historian of Manchester.

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of considerable learning, who appears to have taken great pains in cultivating the talents of such as, like the subject of this Memoir, recommended themselves by attention and docility.

The profession which Mr. Nichols followed, with so much success and reputation, during the whole of his long life, was not that for which he was originally destined by some part of his family. It is frequently the case with the guardians of youth, or their advisers, to be determined by petty circumstances and indistinct prospects, in the disposal of those who are under their care. Mr. Nichols had a maternal uncle, Lieutenant Thomas Wilmot, a brave officer, who in 1747 was serving under Captain, afterwards Admiral, Barrington, when he captured the Duke of Chartres East Indiaman, and was in a fair way to higher promotion. This appears to have induced the friends of Mr. Nichols, who was of a good constitution and lively temper, to propose that, at a proper time, he should be taken under this uncle's protection, and educated for the naval service. Mr. Wilmot's death, however, which happened in 1751, put an end to the hopes derived from this scheme. Our author remarks, but with no great regret: "Had his life been spared, I should, instead of having been employed as a pioneer of literature, probably have been engaged, under the banners of the gallant Admiral, in the naval defence of my country."

He was too young, when his uncle died, to feel the loss, or to indulge dreams of naval glory, and soon had the happiness to be placed in a situation which proved more suitable to his inclinations, and more adapted to his talents. The kindness of Providence guided him to a master who soon discerned his worth, and to a branch of literature in which his success and industry have never been exceeded.

This master was the celebrated Mr. WILLIAM BOWYER, who, at his death, was termed "the last of learned English printers," a title which may now be dropped, while it is still allowed that he was almost the first of that distinguished class in England, and qualified both by education and learning to be the companion and adviser of the most eminent scholars who flourished in the early part of the eighteenth century. He came into business with the advantages of an university education, and an intercourse with many learned men who had been his contemporaries at Cambridge.

It was in 1757, before Mr. Nichols was quite thirteen years of age, that he was placed under Mr. Bowyer, who appears to have quickly discovered in his pupil that amiable and honourable disposition which distinguished him all his life. He had a tenacious memory, which was but little impaired even in his latter days. He was likewise very early a lover of books, although, like most youths, who think more of gratifying curiosity than of procuring permanent advantages, his reading was desultory, and for some years his choice depended on the works submitted to his master's press, few of which, happily for him, were of a trifling, and none of a pernicious kind. From the moment he became Mr. Bowyer's apprentice, he was intent on the

acquisition of solid knowledge, and to this he was continually prompted, not only by the instructions of his master, but by the nature of his employment. He was gradually inspired with a certain degree of ambition, of which he probably knew neither the extent or end, in consequence of intercourse with the men of learning for whom Mr. Bowyer printed.

Mr. Nichols had not been long in this advantageous situation, when his master gladly admitted him into his confidence, and intrusted him with cares which, in case of many young men, would have been considered as unsuitable to their age, and requiring a more lengthened trial. But, besides the indispensable qualities of industry and integrity, Mr. Bowyer found in his young apprentice another merit which was of great importance to his press. Mr. Nichols brought with him no small portion of classical knowledge and taste, acquired at school, and cultivated at his leisure hours.

Of this he speaks with his accustomed modesty: "He never affected to possess any superior share of erudition; content, if in plain and intelligible terms, either in conversation or in writing, he could contribute his quota of information or entertainment." The present writer, however, has seen some early as well as later proofs that his acquaintance with Latin was never dropped, and it is certain that his employment was a continual excitement to acquire some knowledge of the learned languages. At a very advanced period of life he speaks with exultation of his having been first employed, as a compositor, on Toúp's "*Emendationes in Suidam*," and other works of classical criticism.

Mr. Bowyer appears to have been not only the instructive master, but the kind and indulgent friend to his apprentice, and was often anxious to amuse him by conveying a taste for poetry; of which Mr. Nichols had afforded some specimens. Of these Mr. Bowyer thought so favourably, that in 1760, when our author was only in his sixteenth year, he enjoined him, as an evening's task, to translate a Latin poem of his own, published in 1733, and entitled "*Bellus homo et Academicus*." This Mr. Nichols executed with considerable spirit and humour, and in the following year (1761) Mr. Bowyer associated him with himself in translating the Westminster Verses which had been spoken on the previous Coronation of George the Second.

The applause bestowed on these efforts very naturally led Mr. Nichols to become a more constant votary of the muses, and from 1761 to 1766 his productions made no inconsiderable figure in the periodical journals. In 1763 he published two poetical pamphlets in 4to. the one entitled "*Islington, a Poem*," and the other "*The Buds of Parnassus*," which was republished in 1764, with some additional poems. In 1765, he contributed several poems to a miscellaneous collection, published by Dr. Perfect of Town Mall, under the title of "*The Laurel Wreath*," 2 vols. 8vo. His occasional productions of this kind, when further advanced, will be noticed hereafter.

During his minority he produced some prose essays on the manners of the age, such as they appeared to one who had been no inattentive observer. These were published in a periodical paper, written chiefly by Kelly, entitled "The Babbler," and in the Westminster Journal, a newspaper, under the signature of "The Cobbler of Alsatia."

These were merely his amusements, and indicative of an ambition which at his early age was surely pardonable. His more serious hours were devoted to the business of the press. His leading object was to please his master in the superintendence of the learned works printed by Mr. Bowyer, and in this he succeeded so well, that the relative situations of master and servant soon merged in a friendship, the compound of affection on the one side, and of reverence on the other.

So amply had he fulfilled Mr. Bowyer's expectations as to prudence and judgment, that before his apprenticeship expired he sent him to Cambridge to treat with that University for a lease of their exclusive privilege of printing Bibles. This was a negociation which required great delicacy and presence of mind, and these Mr. Nichols preserved on every interview. His endeavours proved unsuccessful only because the University determined, on a due consideration of the matter, to keep the property in their own hands.

This journey, however, to our young aspirant was delightful. He had never before travelled but a very few miles from his native place, and in Cambridge and its colleges he found every thing that could increase his enthusiasm for literary pursuits. He made minutes of this tour, which, he used to say, afforded him the most pleasing recollections at a far distant period of life. His remarks on the passing objects on the journey, prove that he had already imbibed somewhat of the topographer's inquisitive spirit; and at Cambridge he indulged in the delights of "local emotion," by contemplating with reverence the colleges in which some eminent scholars, with whom he had already become acquainted, had studied. On one occasion, he says, "Visited Peter-house, not without a respectful thought of Mr. Markland." During his return likewise he exhibited some promising appearances of the *viator curiosus*.

Soon after, Mr. Bowyer gave another proof of the value he placed on Mr. Nichols's services, when the period of them expired, by returning to his father half of his apprentice-fee. But the high estimate he had formed of him did not end here. He appears to have been long convinced that Mr. Nichols's assistance was of great importance in his printing establishment. Accordingly, in 1766, he took him into partnership, and in the following year they removed their office from White Friars to Red-lion-passage, Fleet-street, where it remained until 1820. This union, one of the most cordial that ever was formed, lasted until the death of Mr. Bowyer in 1777.

As Mr. Bowyer continued to be not only the printer, but the intimate friend and assistant in the learned labours of some of the first scholars of the age, Mr. Nichols had frequent opportunities, which he

never neglected, of acquiring the notice and esteem of those gentlemen. He had not, indeed, been long associated with Mr. Bowyer as a partner, before he began to be considered as his legitimate successor, and acquired the esteem and patronage of Mr. Bowyer's friends in no common degree. This he lived to repay by handing down to posterity many important circumstances of their lives, frequently derived from personal knowledge, which but for his industry and research, and the confidence bestowed upon him by their families, must have been lost to the world.

The first publication in which he was concerned as an author, was "The Origin of Printing, in two Essays: 1. The substance of Dr. Middleton's Dissertation on the Origin of Printing in England. 2. Mr. Meerman's account of the invention of the art at Harleim, and its progress to Mentz, with occasional remarks, and an Appendix," 8vo. 1774. Mr. Nichols informs us that the "original idea of this pamphlet was Mr. Bowyer's; the completion of it his partner's." Mr. Nichols's share, therefore, must have been very considerable. It was published without a name, and at first was attributed to Mr. Bowyer, but the respective shares of him and his partner were soon discovered. A second edition, with many improvements, appeared in 1776, and a supplement in 1781. The foreign journals spoke with as much respect of this work as those at home.

Mr. Nichols derived considerable fame from it. He was now enabled to add to the number of his literary friends the names of Sir James Burrough and Sir John Pringle, as he had before acquired the esteem and acquaintance of Dr. Birch, Dr. Parsons, Dr. Warton, Dr. Farmer, and the Earl of Marchmont. Sir John Pringle was accustomed to submit his prize-medal speeches, which he intended for the Royal Society, to Mr. Nichols's perusal, before delivery, an honour of which so young a man may be forgiven if he was somewhat proud.

As the works which passed through Mr. Bowyer's press engaged a more than common attention on the part of Mr. Nichols, he happened very early in life to conceive a high opinion of the merits of Dean Swift, in consequence of Mr. Bowyer's having printed the 13th and 14th volumes of his Works in the year 1762. Of Dean Swift Mr. Nichols appears never to have lost sight from this time, and, applying himself closely in search of materials, he published three supplemental volumes, 1775, 1776, and 1779, 8vo. to Dr. Hawkesworth's edition. These were republished afterwards so as to correspond with Hawkesworth's 4to. 8vo. and 12mo. editions; and afterwards incorporated, with many additions and valuable biographical notes, in what may be now justly considered as the standard edition, first printed in 19 vols. 8vo. in 1800, and reprinted in 1808. Mr. Nichols's accuracy and judgment as an editor were so completely established by the appearance of the first-mentioned volume, that information respecting unpublished letters and tracts was sent to him from all quarters. Sheridan's Life was the only part which he considered necessary to

retain as originally published, since it was supposed by many (but certainly not by the writer of this memoir) to furnish a defence of the objectionable parts of Swift's personal history. But, whatever the merits of this celebrated author, it appears incontestably from the preface to the second volume that the public is indebted to Mr. Nichols for the very complete state in which his Works are found.

The next publication of our author, the "Original Works, in Prose and Verse, of William King, LL.D. with Historical Notes," 3 vols. small 8vo. 1776, afforded another decided proof of that taste for literary history and illustration to which we owe the more important obligations which Mr. Nichols conferred by his recent and voluminous contributions to the biography of men of learning. It is evident that he must have been very early accustomed to inquiry and investigation, which enabled him to satisfy the curiosity of the reader so amply as he has done in King's Works. This publication likewise exhibits an extraordinary proof of diligence both in business and study, when we consider that at this time he had scarcely reached his thirty-first year, and had the cares of a young family, just deprived of their maternal parent, to perplex and afflict his mind, with the numerous engagements in which his partnership with Mr. Bowyer, and intimacy with their common friends, necessarily involved him. But it may be noticed here, although not for the last time, that Mr. Nichols possessed not only extraordinary judgment in the allotment of his hours, but had equally extraordinary health and spirits to sustain him, amidst the intenseness of industry, and the frequent calls of complicated avocations. In both the above-mentioned works he acknowledges having been assisted by his friend Isaac Reed, of Staples Inn, a man who never was consulted on points of literary history without advantage.

In 1778 Mr. Nichols obtained a share in the Gentleman's Magazine, of which he became the editor. This was an event of the greatest importance to all his subsequent pursuits, as well as to the public at large. Of this publication it would be superfluous to say much in this place, after the ample history of its rise and progress published by its Editor in 1821, as a Preface to the General Index from 1787 to 1818. It had not been long under his care before it obtained a consequence which it had never before reached, although the preceding volumes were formed from the contributions of some of the most able scholars and antiquaries of the time. The celebrated Burke entitled it "one of the most chaste and instructive Miscellanies of the age." This Mr. Nichols found it, and this he left it, with such improvements, however, as rendered it of paramount importance to men of literary curiosity, and of great effect in the promotion of right principles. In 1782, Dr. Warton complimented him in these words: "Your Magazine is justly in the greatest credit here (Winchester), and under your guidance is become one of the most useful and entertaining Miscellanies I know."

It might be easy, were it necessary, to add to these the suffrages of some of the most eminent writers of the last half-century. As a repository of literary history and of public transactions for a much longer period, it is without a rival, a circumstance at which we cannot be surprised, when we consider that it contains the early, as well as the more mature, lucubrations of many hundred authors in every department of literature. In the history of the Magazine, noticed above, Mr. Nichols has given a list of above five hundred men of note, who had been correspondents in his time, and whom he had survived. Nearly an equal number might be added of those who have died since that list was made out, and of those who are still living, and lamenting the loss of one who afforded many of them the means of being first introduced to public notice.

In order to render the various information contained in this Magazine more easily accessible, Mr. Nichols published in 1786 a complete Index to the first fifty-four volumes, compiled by the Rev. Samuel Ayscough; and in 1819 two more volumes of Indexes were printed. Both Indexes served to increase the demand for complete sets of the Magazine.

Gibbon the historian had such a value for this Miscellany, that he recommended to Mr. Nichols a selection of the most curious and useful articles. Mr. Nichols was too much employed to have leisure for such an undertaking; but it was afterwards accomplished with great judgment, in 4 vols. by the Rev. John Walker, of New College, Oxford.*

In noticing the Gentleman's Magazine while under Mr. Nichols's care, the present writer will not attempt that which Mr. Nichols would have disdained, any comparison between it and its rivals. This indeed becomes the less necessary, as they have all dropped into oblivion with the exception of a few of recent date, in which no rivalry seems intended. It may be added, however, that his plan was calculated for permanence. It depended on none of the frivolous fashions of the age. Its general character was usefulness, combined with rational entertainment. Its supporters were men of learning, who found in its pages an easy mode of communicating their doubts and their inquiries, with a certainty that their doubts would be resolved, and their inquiries answered by men equal to the task. The Miscellany was particularly recommended by the impartiality of the Editor, who admitted controversialists to the most equal welcome, and never interfered but when, out of respect to his numerous readers, it became his duty to check the rudeness of personal reflection. In the course of such controversies he must not be suspected of acceding to every proposition advanced either in warmth or in calmness, and much was no doubt admitted of which he could not approve. But his own principles remained unshaken, principles early adopted, and favourable to piety and political

* [Mr. Walker was one of the proprietors of the Oxford Mercury. He published "Selections from the Bodleian," 3 vols. and other works. He was Vicar of Hornchurch, Essex, where he died April 5, 1831, aged 61.]

happiness; and such he preserved and supported amidst the most alarming storms to which his country had ever been exposed. Whatever anomalies may be occasionally perceived in the effusions of some of his correspondents, if the whole of his administration be examined, it will be found that the main object and tendency of the Magazine was to support our excellent Constitution in Church and State, especially when in some latter years both were in danger from violence without and treachery within.

The sentiments of two very eminent and learned dignitaries of the Church, with the perusal of which we have been favoured since Mr. Nichols's death, may, we hope, without breach of confidence, be added to the above. Mr. Nichols "was an able, and, what is much more, he was a perfectly honest man. We can ill afford to lose him. As an excellent antiquary, as a friend to literary men, and as a liberal, but thoroughly attached, son of the Church of England, his memory will long live in the esteem and recollection of his friends."*—"It is my firm opinion, that, in the various productions which during so long a period issued from his press, not a line escaped which could be detrimental to the influence of Christianity; but, on the contrary, particularly in the conduct of that leading work, the 'Gentleman's Magazine,' the genuine principles of orthodox religion have been advocated and diffused in this nation by its channel for the longest portion of a century. And, even in the amusing and instructive articles of a literary and antiquarian cast, this leading purpose seems not to have been lost sight of. While he (Mr. Nichols) sojourned with us, he was by the kindness and benevolence of his heart the delight of his friends, and must be considered as an eminent benefactor to his country."†

There was no part of the Magazine on which Mr. Nichols bestowed more attention than on the record of deaths, now known by the name of OBITUARY. In order to render this an article of authority, and often indeed it has been quoted as such, he was indefatigable in his inquiries, anxiously consulted his numerous friends, and had very often the advantage of original documents from the relatives of persons of various classes, whose history might be interesting to the public. In this he not only gratified immediate curiosity, but laid the foundation of those more extended accounts which afterwards appeared in works professedly biographical. The warmth of friendship and the recency of grief might no doubt sometimes give a high colouring to these reports, which became chastened on further reflection and inquiry; but corrections or additions were impartially admitted, and the Editor at least was accessible to every communication which tended to establish the truth.

It may here be noticed that many of the additional articles in the Biographical Dictionary which he edited, in conjunction with Dr. Heathcote, in 1784, came from Mr. Nichols. How ably, and kindly, he assisted in the late edition of that work, completed in 1817, 32 vols.

* Bp. Law. See p. xxix.

† Dean Rennell. See p. xxxi.

8vo. can never be forgotten by its Editor, who hopes hereafter* to acknowledge it more amply than merely by a reference to Mr. Nichols's printed works.

Although Mr. Bowyer's press had not issued many works interesting to English antiquaries, Mr. Nichols appears, before the period to which we are now arrived, to have formed such connections as gradually encouraged what was early in his mind, until his inquiries became fixed on subjects relating to the antiquities of his own country. Among these preceptors we may notice Dr. Samuel Pegge, Dr. Borlase, Samuel Denne, and Dr. Ducarel. With the latter he was long linked in friendship, and, in conjunction with him, published in 1779 the "History of the Royal Abbey of Bec, near Rouen," and "Some Account of the Alien Priors, and of such Lands as they are known to have possessed in England and Wales," 2 vols. But he had another coadjutor in these two works, of incalculable value, the celebrated RICHARD GOUGH, Esq.

This very eminent antiquary, justly entitled the Camden of the Eighteenth Century, was, like Bowyer, an early discerner of Mr. Nichols's worth, and saw in him an able and useful assistant in his multifarious endeavours to illustrate the antiquities of Great Britain. Mr. Gough was his senior by ten years, and a higher proficient in his favourite studies. At what precise time they became acquainted we have not been able to discover, but it seems, with much probability, to have been about the year 1770, when the first volume of the *Archæologia* was printed by Mr. Nichols, to whom Mr. Bowyer, from declining health, had almost entirely resigned the business of the press. Some years before this Mr. Gough had been a frequent correspondent in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, a publication constantly read by Mr. Nichols,† when there was little prospect of his becoming its chief support, or of Mr. Gough's taking so active a part in the management of it as to become nearly a co-editor. It is probable that their intimacy was perfected whilst Mr. Gough was superintending his friend Mr. Hutchins's "History of Dorsetshire" through the press. That work was issued in two volumes, fol. 1774.

Their connexion, at whatever time begun, ended in a strict intimacy and cordial friendship, which terminated only in the death of Mr. Gough in 1809. It was a friendship uninterruptedly strengthened by congeniality of pursuits, mutual esteem, and the kindness of domestic intercourse. On their final separation Mr. Nichols says with unfeigned feeling: "The loss of Mr. Gough was the loss of more than a brother; it was losing a part of himself. For a long series of years he had experienced in Mr. Gough the kind, disinterested friend; the prudent,

[* This alludes to the proposed edition of the *Biographical Dictionary* upon which Mr. Chalmers was engaged.]

† [One of the first communications of Mr. Nichols to the *Gentleman's Magazine* was in July, 1765, p. 335: "Spring, a Poem," inscribed to Mr. Tooke.]

judicious adviser; the firm, unshaken patron. To him every material event in life was confidentially imparted. In those that were prosperous, no man more heartily rejoiced; in such as were less propitious, no man more sincerely condoled, or more readily endeavoured to alleviate." Mr. Nichols has since lost no opportunity of honouring the memory of his departed friend, both in his "Literary Anecdotes" and in his "Illustrations of Literary History." His last office of duty was to select and transfer to the Bodleian Library, Oxford, the valuable collection of Topography, printed and MS., which Mr. Gough bequeathed to that noble repository.*

In 1780 Mr. Nichols published a very curious "Collection of Royal and Noble Wills," 4to. In this work he acknowledges his obligations to Mr. Gough and to Dr. Ducarel, for obtaining transcripts and elucidating by notes. It was a scheme originally suggested by Dr. Ducarel, probably in consequence of the publication of the Will of Henry VII. by Mr. Astle some years before. To this work, in 1794, Mr. Nichols added the will of Henry VIII. which is now seldom to be found with the preceding, itself a work of great rarity.

Amidst these more serious employments, Mr. Nichols diverted his leisure hours by compiling a work, which seems to have been entirely of his own projection, and the consequence of early predilection. This appeared in 1780, with the title of "A Select Collection of Miscellaneous Poems, with Historical and Biographical Notes," 4 vols. small 8vo. To these were added, in 1782, four other volumes, with a general poetical Index. In this curious work, he has not only revived many pieces of unquestionable merit, which had long been forgotten, but produced some originals from the pens of men of acknowledged genius. In so large a collection are some which might perhaps have been allowed to remain in obscurity without much injury to the public, but even in the production of these he followed the opinion, and had the encouragement, of some of the best critics of the time, Bishops Lowth and Percy, Dr. Warton, Mr. Kynaston, &c. The biographical notes were deemed very interesting, and were happily the occasion of a similar improvement being made to Dodsley's Collection of Poems, in the edition of 1782, if we mistake not, by Isaac Reed. In Mr. Nichols's collection are a few of his juvenile attempts at versification, of which he says, "they will at least serve as a foil to the beauties with which they are surrounded." Mr. Nichols never claimed a high rank among poets, but there is evidently too much disparagement in the above opinion.

In the same year (1780), on the suggestion and with the assistance of Mr. Gough, he began to publish the "Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica," a work intended to collect such articles of British Topography, manuscript or printed, as were in danger of being lost, or were become so scarce as to be out of the reach of most collectors. His

[* See p. 644 of this volume.]

reputation was now so fully established that he had ready assistance from most of the eminent antiquaries of that day; and in 1790 the whole was concluded in fifty-two parts or numbers, making eight large quarto volumes, illustrated by more than three hundred plates, with great exactness and accuracy, both in these and in the letter-press. A continuation was begun some time after, under the title of "Miscellaneous Antiquities," of which six numbers were published.

It is to be feared Mr. Nichols was a considerable loser by this work, not only in the expenses of printing and engraving, but in the purchase of manuscripts and drawings. He could not indeed have been long connected with Mr. Gough without imbibing a portion of his disinterested spirit, and looking for his best reward in the pleasure of the employment, and the consciousness that he was contributing much valuable information for the use of posterity and the honour of his country. Mr. Nichols thought as little of expense as of fatigue, and to the fear of either he seems to have been an entire stranger. His success, however, was not different from that of his brethren, for we know no class of writers worse rewarded than antiquaries.

The publication of the *Bibliotheca Topographica* took up ten years, and in some hands might have been quite sufficient to employ the whole of those years. But such was the unwearied industry of our author, that within the same period no less than eighteen publications issued from his press, of all which he was either editor or author.

As a complete list of his works is given in the Sixth Volume of the *Literary Anecdotes*, we shall only notice here those which are more particularly connected with his researches as a Biographer. In 1781 he published in 8vo. "Biographical Anecdotes of William Hogarth." This was republished in 1782, again in 1785, and a fourth and most complete edition in 1810—1817, in 3 vols, 4to. with very elegant reduced plates. Of this work, on its first appearance, the testimony of Lord Orford may be considered as decisive:—"Since the first edition of this work (the *Anecdotes of Painting*), a much ampler account of Hogarth and his Works has been given by Mr. Nichols; which is not only more accurate, but much more satisfactory than mine: omitting nothing that a collector would wish to know, either with regard to the history of the painter himself, or to the circumstances, different editions, and variations of his prints. I have completed my list of Hogarth's Works from that source of information."* In 1822 Mr. Nichols superintended a superb edition of Hogarth's works, from the original plates, restored by James Heath, esq., and furnished the *Explanations* of the subjects of the Plates. Let it not be forgotten that these *Explanations* were written by Mr. Nichols in his seventy-eighth year.

In the same year (1781) he was the author of "Biographical

* Lord Orford's Works, 4to. vol. iii. p. 453.

Memoirs of William Ged, including a particular account of his progress in the art of Block-printing." But what in the course of years, and by slow gradations, almost imperceptibly became the most important of all Mr. Nichols's biographical labours, was his "Anecdotes of Bowyer, and of many of his literary Friends," 4to. 1782. He had printed in 1778 twenty copies of "Brief Memoirs of Mr. Bowyer," 8vo. for distribution, "as a tribute of respect, amongst a few select friends." Gratitude to so kind a benefactor induced Mr. Nichols to make, from time to time, additions to this little work, quite unconscious that it would at last extend to the noblest monument raised to his own memory, as well as that of his friend.

The second and much enlarged edition of 1782 was welcomed with ardour by all classes of men of literature, and soon rose to more than double the price at which it was originally offered to the public. The author was consequently again anxious to enlarge what was so generally acceptable, but had to encounter many interruptions from other extensive designs which he now began to meditate.

Of these the most important of all was his "History of Leicestershire," of which it has been justly said that it might have been the work of a whole life. Although generally devoted to subjects of the topographical kind, he acknowledged to the present writer that he had been induced to fix upon Leicestershire as his *magnum opus*, from circumstances of a domestic kind, both his amiable wives having sprung from respectable families in that county.

This, however, like the other extensive work just mentioned, was not the accomplishment of a complete design, distinctly laid down in plan, and regularly executed. It grew from lesser efforts, among which we may enumerate "The History and Antiquities of Hinckley," which he published in 1782, 4to.; "The History and Antiquities of Aston Flamvile and Burbach, in Leicestershire," 1787, 4to.; "Collections towards the History and Antiquities of the Town and County of Leicester," 1790, 2 vols. 4to. It was in the preface to these volumes that he first intimated his intention to give the public a much more complete work of the kind, soliciting assistance, which appears to have been tendered so liberally, that about 1792 he was enabled to begin to print his great work of "The History and Antiquities of the Town and County of Leicester," of which Parts I. and II. were published in 1795. Of this a third part was published in 1798, a fourth in 1800, a fifth in 1804, a sixth in 1807, the seventh and concluding part in 1811, and an Appendix in 1815, in which he was assisted by his son; the whole making eight large folio volumes, illustrated by a profusion of views, portraits, maps, &c. and complete Indexes.

If any proofs were wanting of Mr. Nichols's *power* of literary labour, and, what is equally necessary, the frequent *revision* of that labour, the History of Leicestershire might be allowed to remain as

completely decisive. But even this extensive undertaking cannot be allowed to stand alone. During the years in which he was preparing his materials, travelling into all parts of the county, and corresponding with or visiting every person likely to afford information, he appeared as editor or author of no less than forty-seven articles.— Among these were a second edition of “Bowyer’s Greek Testament;” “Bishop Atterbury’s Correspondence,” 5 vols. 8vo. illustrated, as usual, with topographical and historical notes, the result of arduous research and frequent correspondence with his learned friends; “A Collection of Miscellaneous Tracts by Mr. Bowyer;” “The History and Antiquities of Lambeth Parish;” “The Progresses and Royal Processions of Queen Elizabeth,” 2 vols. 4to. and a third in 1804; “The History and Antiquities of Canonbury, with some account of the parish of Islington,” 4to.; “Illustrations of the Manners and Expenses of Ancient Times in England,” 4to. In 1815, the author speaks of this volume: “I have no hesitation in saying, in a case where it can neither promote my interest nor hazard my veracity, that this is not only one of the scarcest publications of the eighteenth century, but, in its way, is also one of the most curious.”

During the same period Mr. Nichols published, in conjunction with Dr. Calder, an edition of “The Tatler,” 6 vols. 8vo. with notes respecting biography, but particularly illustrative of manners. From the sources that had supplied many of these, he edited afterwards, “Sir Richard Steele’s Epistolary Correspondence,” 2 vols. 8vo.; “The Lover and Reader;” “The Town Talk, &c.”; “The Theatre and Anti-Theatre,” by the same author, 3 vols. all illustrated with notes, furnished from many forgotten records and family communications. Mr. Nichols appears to have first turned his attention to the British Essayists in consequence of his connexion with Bishop Percy, Dr. Calder, and others, who intended to publish editions of the Tatler, Spectator, and Guardian, with the same species of annotation, explanatory of the manners and spirit of the times, and including memoirs of the authors. When they entered on their work there was a possibility of recovering much information, and much information was recovered; a considerable part of which we have since seen added to various editions of these periodical writings, frequently without the candour of acknowledgment.

The extent of Mr. Nichols’s literary productions will yet appear more extraordinary, when we add that, during the period we have hastily gone over, he became engaged in some of those duties of public life which necessarily demanded a considerable portion of time and attention; and it may be asked, without much hazard of a ready answer, where could he find that time? Certain it is that he did find it, without any apparent injury to his usual pursuits, and that for many years he enjoyed a well-earned reputation as a member of the Corporation of London.

In December, 1784, the respect he had acquired in the City induced his friends to propose him as a member of the Common Council for the ward of Farringdon Without. He was accordingly elected on the 21st of that month, and, with the interval of only one year, held this situation (ten years as deputy, under Alderman Wilkes) until the year 1811, when he resigned all civic honours.* He had previously (in 1807) declined the solicitation of his fellow-citizens of the ward to become their Alderman on the death of Wilkes. A considerable time before his resignation he had felt it his duty to seek health and quiet in retirement, but it is also more than probable that the prevalence of party spirit among those with whom he had been accustomed to act, but could act no longer, had its effect in precipitating a measure which many of his friends wished he had taken much sooner. The writer of this Memoir hopes he will not be thought anxious to take from the number of Mr. Nichols's useful accomplishments, when he adds that his highly-respected friend was not qualified for political life, as it too frequently appeared among many with whom he was obliged to associate. He could not indulge asperity of thought or of language; he had nothing of the malevolence of party spirit, and never thought worse of any man for differing from him, ever so widely, in opinion. Unfit, however, as he was to join in the clamour of the day, he retained the respect of his colleagues as an amiable and honest man, and an honour to the situation he had filled.

In 1804 his views were directed to an honour more in unison with his literary pursuits. He had for some time been a member of the Court of Assistants of the Stationers' Company, and in the above year attained what he called "the summit of his ambition, in being elected Master of the Company." Nor can any one think such ambition of the trivial kind who recollects how nearly connected this Company is with the literature of the age, and that among its members are to be found the liberal and munificent patrons of learned men, who are no longer dependent on the petty rewards which in former days flowed, tardily enough sometimes, from the blandishments of *dedication*.

How well Mr. Nichols discharged the duties of Master of the Company, not only on this occasion, but for many years after as *locum tenens*, has been repeatedly acknowledged, and still lives in the memory of the Court. Their rooms are decorated by portraits presented at various times by Mr. Nichols,† among which are those of Robert Nelson, Esq. the elder William Bowyer, Archbishop Chichele, Sir Richard Steele, and Matthew Prior; with a bust of Mr. Bowyer the younger, and with the quarto copper-plate, finely engraved by the

[* See in this volume, p. 566, his Letter to Sir Charles Price, on taking leave of the Corporation.]

[† At a subsequent period the Court requested a portrait of Mr. Nichols, which was gladly presented by his son, and is now in their Court-room. See p. 460.]

elder Basire, used in the quarto edition of "Bowyer's Life," that an impression of it may be constantly given to every annuitant under Mr. Bowyer's will.

On the 8th of January, 1807, by an accidental fall in his printing-office at Red Lion Passage, Mr. Nichols had one of his thighs fractured; and on the 8th February, 1808, he experienced a far greater calamity, respecting not only himself but the public, in the destruction, by fire, of his printing-office and warehouses, with the whole of their valuable contents. "Under these accumulated misfortunes," we use his own words, "sufficient to have overwhelmed a much stronger mind, he was supported by the consolatory balm of friendship, and offers of unlimited pecuniary assistance; till, cheered by unequivocal marks of public and private approbation (not to mention motives of a higher and far superior nature),* he had the resolution to apply with redoubled diligence to literary and typographical labours."

It would be difficult perhaps to find many instances of a "stronger mind" than Mr. Nichols displayed, at his advanced age, while suffering under both the above calamities. In the case of the fracture, the present writer had an opportunity to witness an instance of patient endurance and of placid temper which he can never forget. Only three days after the accident, he found Mr. Nichols, supported by the surgical apparatus usual on such occasions, calmly reading the proof of a long article which he had that morning dictated to one of his daughters, respecting the life and death of his old friend Isaac Reed, which went to press as he left it, and indeed wanted no correction.† This accident left some portion of lameness, and abridged his usual exercise, but his general health was little impaired, and his vigour of mind remained unabated, when he had to endure the severer trial of the destruction of his printing-office and warehouses.

This, it might have been naturally expected, would have indisposed him for all future labours. He was now in his sixty-third year, and could not be far from the age when "the grasshopper is a burthen." For fifty years he had led a life of indefatigable application, and had produced from his own efforts works enough to have established character and content ambition. He was not desirous of accumulating wealth, and the reward of his industry had been tardy; but it seemed now approaching, and he had reason to expect a gradual advantage from his various productions, and a liberal encouragement in his future efforts. It was therefore a bitter disappointment, when, at the close of a cheerful day, and reposing in the society of his family, he heard that his whole property was consumed in a few short hours.

The present writer had on this occasion a striking proof of the uncertainty of sublunary enjoyments. In the afternoon of that fatal

* Here Mr. Nichols quotes a passage from Bishop Hough, "I thank God, I had the hope of a Christian, and that supported me."

† See *Gent. Mag.* January, 1807, p. 80.

day, Mr. Nichols sent to him one of the most lively letters he had ever received. On the following morning, he hastened to visit Mr. Nichols, and found him, as was to be expected, in a state of considerable depression; but in a few days his mind appeared to have recovered its tone. He felt the power of consolation, and was excited to fresh activity. Thus, in two remarkable instances, he displayed a temper and courage rarely to be found; in the case of his personal accident, when his recovery was doubtful, and of his subsequent calamity, when his loss was irreparable.*

Hopeless as such a return to accustomed pursuits may appear, Mr. Nichols resumed his labours with an energy equal to what he had ever displayed when in the prime of life. Besides completing his "History of the County of Leicester," already mentioned, he returned to his "Life of Bowyer," of which one volume had been printed, but not published, just before his fire, under the title of "Literary Anecdotes of the Eighteenth Century, comprising Biographical Memoirs of William Bowyer, Printer, F.S.A. and many of his learned friends; an incidental view of the progress and advancement of Literature in this Kingdom during the last century; and Biographical Anecdotes of a considerable number of eminent Writers and ingenious Artists."

This he lived to extend to nine large volumes, 8vo.; to which he afterwards, finding materials increase from all quarters, added four volumes, under the title of "Illustrations of the Literary History of the Eighteenth Century, consisting of authentic Memoirs and Original Letters of Eminent Persons; and intended as a sequel to the Literary Anecdotes." It was one of the last actions of his life, to show the writer of this memoir a fifth volume nearly printed, and to announce a sixth volume in preparation.† Of these it is hoped the public will not be long deprived, as Mr. Nichols had the happiness to leave a son, fully acquainted with his designs, equally respected by his friends and correspondents, and amply qualified to perpetuate the reputation which has attached to his name.

It is very difficult for the present writer to speak of this extraordinary and satisfactory work in measured terms. Himself an ardent lover of, and an humble inquirer into, the biography of Great Britain, he has enjoyed in this extensive collection a fund of information which it would be in vain to seek elsewhere. It is original in its plan and in its execution, nor perhaps will there soon arise an editor, to whom manuscripts of the most confidential kind, epistolary correspondence, and other precious records will be intrusted with

* Some particulars of the valuable works destroyed by this fire, all of which are now difficult to be procured even at a high price, may be seen in the *Gent. Mag.* 1808, p. 99.

† [The "Illustrations of Literary History" are now completed in eight volumes.]

equal certainty of their being given to the public accurately and minutely, and yet free from injury to the characters of the deceased, or the feelings of the living.

By the vast accumulation of literary correspondence in these volumes, Mr. Nichols has released the biographical inquirer from much of the uncertainty of vague report, and has in a great measure brought him near to the gratification of a personal acquaintance. These records embrace the memoirs of almost all the learned men of the eighteenth century, and there are scarce any of that class with whom Mr. Nichols's volumes have not made us more intimate. Candid biographers of future times must be ready to acknowledge with gratitude that their obligations are incalculable. Already indeed the public has done justice to the merits of this work; for of all Mr. Nichols's publications it has been the most successful, and is soon likely to be one of the *recherchés* among book collectors. As in the present memoir we have confined ourselves to the notice of such of his various labours as involve somewhat of his personal character, we may refer to the "Anecdotes" and "Illustrations" for many traits of the most amiable kind, which will now be viewed with affectionate interest by those who knew him, and will ensure the highest respect from those who had not that happiness.

The fourth volume of the "Illustrations" was published in 1822; before which he had published, among other works, "Hardinge's Latin, Greek, and English Poems," 8vo. 1818; "Miscellaneous Works of George Hardinge, Esq. 1819," 3 vols. 8vo.; a new edition of his "Progresses of Queen Elizabeth," with considerable additions, 3 vols. 4to.; and the greater portion of the "Progresses of King James the First," 4 vols. 4to. which had engaged his attention almost to the hour of his death. These are both works of great curiosity, comprehend a great many rare and valuable fragments of royal history, a large collection of rare tracts, both in verse and prose, and much illustration of the manners and customs of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.*

In Mr. Nichols's death, which took place on Sunday, Nov. 26, there was much cause for affliction, and much to afford consolation. It was sudden beyond most instances we have ever heard of. He had passed some cheerful hours with his family, and was retiring to rest about 10 o'clock at night. He had reached a step or two of the lower staircase, accompanied by his eldest daughter, when he said, but with no particular alteration of voice, "Give me your hand," and instantly, but gently, sunk down on his knees, and expired without a sigh or groan, or any symptom of suffering.

* [In these curious and important works, Mr. Nichols (then in old age) was materially assisted by his grandson, a youth fresh from Merchant-tailors' School, by whom the second work was completed.]

On the Monday before, he complained as if he had caught cold; and on Thursday, when the writer of this memoir saw him for the last time, he mentioned something of the kind, but said nothing of pain, or of any internal feeling that could give alarm. Before parting he conversed in his usual lively manner, about many things past and to come, and, when the interview ended, he bid his visitor farewell, as one whom he fully expected to see, with some other friends, within a few days. He had no presentiment of death, and during his last week wrote two or three articles for the Magazine with his accustomed ease and spirit.

Sudden as his death was, and there is something in sudden death to which no argument can reconcile the greater part of survivors, it could not fail even upon a slight reflection to administer consolation. When the first impression was over, it was felt as a great blessing that Mr. Nichols had outlived the common age of man with entire exemption from the pains and infirmities he had witnessed in the case of some of his dearest friends. There was here none of that imbecility so afflicting to friends and relatives; memory and judgment were strong to the last.

For several years he had been accustomed to write some Lines on the return of his birth-day, for the amusement of his family. These were generally contemplative and serious, affectionate as regarding his family, and pious as regarding himself, his advanced age, his probable dissolution, and his firm reliance on the merits of his Redeemer. All came from the heart, and delighted those whom he wished to delight, a family eminent for mutual affection. The last of these verses, printed in the Magazine for 1824, may be considered as his dying words and his dying prayer.

His old age, at whatever period the reader may date it, imposed no necessity of leaving off his accustomed employments, or discontinuing his intercourse with society. He had no chronic disorder, hereditary or acquired, and his occasional illnesses were of short duration. He was always ready to gratify his anxious family by applying to medical advice, and was never wanting in such precautions as became his advanced years. His constitution to the last exhibited the remains of great strength and activity. If, as asserted, a healthy old man is "a tower undermined," it was not easy in him to discover what had given way.

His natural faculties remained unimpaired during the whole course of his life, with the exception of his sight, which for several years past had become by degrees less and less distinct. Three days only before his death he made a very extraordinary declaration to the writer of this article: "I cannot now read any printed book, but I can read manuscript."

Although we are not desirous to report miracles in order to embellish the life of this worthy man, yet it may be allowed, and he felt it

as such, to be an extraordinary instance of the kindness of Providence that a degree of sight was still left which enabled him to peruse and select, from the vast mass of literary correspondence now before him, such articles as were proper for his "Illustrations." As to printed books, he had the assistance of his amiable daughters, who were his amanuenses and his librarians. Those who knew the ardour of his parental affection could easily perceive that, amidst a privation which would have sunk the spirits of most men, he had now a new source of domestic happiness and thankful reflection. He lived also to see his son advancing to reputation, in the same business and the same literary pursuits in which himself delighted, and a grandson eagerly pursuing his footsteps. We may well exclaim, *O fortunate senex!*

As much of Mr. Nichols's personal character has been introduced in the preceding pages, it only remains to be added that it was uniformly remarkable for those qualities which procured universal esteem. The sweetness of his temper, and his disposition to be kind and useful, were the delight of his friends, and strangers went from him with an impression that they had been with an amiable and benevolent man. During his being a Member of the Corporation he employed his interest, as he did elsewhere his pen, in promoting charitable institutions, and in contributing to the support of those persons who had sunk from prosperity, and whose wants he relieved in a more private manner. For very many years he filled the office of Registrar or Honorary Secretary of the Literary Fund, which gratified his kind feelings by enabling him to assist many a brother author in distress. Nor was his assistance less liberally afforded to those of his own profession, whom he respected and whom he encouraged, either in their outset in life or when in difficulties.* In all this he experienced what all men of similar character have experienced. He sometimes met with those who availed themselves of his unsuspecting temper and known benevolence; yet he was rarely heard to complain of ingratitude. He never introduced the subject; but, when closely pressed, he would acknowledge some instances in his own experience, yet with great reluctance, and an apparent willingness to have it thought that his bounty had not been judicious.

His literary transactions were uniformly conducted on the best principles. His early associations were mostly with honourable men, whom he was ambitious to copy; and those who had been longest connected with him in business acknowledged with pleasure and respect that Mr. Nichols never discovered the least symptom of what is mean or selfish. He performed nothing, indeed, during his long life, of which he might not have delighted to hear. His friendships were never dissolved, for they were never unequal. By those of

* [In his life-time (1817) he gave 500*l.* to the Company of Stationers (to which 500*l.* has since been added) to be distributed in annuities to four aged compositors. See p. 462 of this volume.]

superior rank he was treated with the respect due to the character of a gentleman and a man of talent; while his inferiors found him useful, kind, and benevolent, always a friend, and often a patron.

By what means he preserved the *mens sana in corpore sano* for so many years of unequalled literary labour has been incidentally hinted in the preceding pages. The subject might perhaps admit of more discussion, if this article had not already extended further than the writer originally intended. As to health, medical writers have given us no rules for procuring longevity but what experience proves to be fallacious. All that requires to be said here, and it may afford a useful lesson, is, that Mr. Nichols had originally a good constitution, which he preserved by exercise, and the vicissitudes of constant employment. His mind was always employed on what was useful; and such a mind is made to last. Both mind and body, there is every reason to think, were preserved in vigour by the uncommon felicity of his temper. He had none of the irascible passions, nor would it have been easy to have provoked him to depart from the language and manners which rendered his company delightful.

There was much in the division of his time which enabled him to perform the arduous tasks which he imposed on himself. He began his work early, and despatched the business of the day before it became necessary to attend to public concerns, or join the social parties of his friends. He had another habit which may be taken into the account. From his youth he did every thing quickly. He read with rapidity, and soon caught what was important to his purpose. He spoke quickly, and that whether in the reciprocity of conversation, or when, which was frequently the case, he had to address a company in a set speech. He had also accustomed himself to write with great rapidity; but this, he used jocularly to allow, although a saving of time, did not tend to improve his hand.

Upon the whole, if usefulness be a test of merit, no man in our days has conferred more important favours on the republic of letters.

Mr. Nichols was twice married. First, in 1766, to Anne, daughter of Mr. William Cradock. She died in 1776, leaving two daughters: 1. Anne, married to the Rev. John Pridden, M.A. F.S.A. who died in 1815; 2. Sarah (who died unmarried at Highbury Place, Jan. 1843). Secondly, in 1778, to Martha, daughter of Mr. William Green, of Hinckley, in Leicestershire. She died in 1788, leaving one son, John Bowyer Nichols, Esq. and four daughters.*

He was interred in Islington church-yard, where his parents and all his children who died before him are deposited. Mr. Nichols, at the

* [1. Martha-Sadelbia, who died April 19, 1816, aged 33; 2. Mary, the wife of John Morgan, Esq. who died August 1, 1850, aged 66, leaving five sons and two daughters; (Mr. John Morgan died April 17, 1832, aged 48;) 3. Isabella Nichols, living in 1857; and 4. Anne-Susannah, who died March 17, 1853, aged 65.]

time of his death, was probably the oldest native of Islington, and his grave is only a very few yards from the house in which he was born.

His funeral was (as he would have wished) as private as possible; attended only by *all* his male relatives who had arrived at man's estate, and by his attached friends, James and William Morgan, and William Herrick, Esqrs.; William Tooke, Esq. F.R.S.; Alexander Chalmers, Esq. F.S.A.; Henry Ellis, Esq. F.R.S.; Charles and Robert Baldwin, George Woodfall, and J. Jeaffreson, Esqrs.*

There are several good portraits of Mr. Nichols:—1. painted 1782, æt. 37, by Towne, and engraved by Cook, published in "Collections for Leicestershire;" 2. painted by V. D. Puyt, 1787 (unpublished); 3. drawn by H. Edridge, A.R.A. published in Cadell and Davies's "Contemporary Portraits;" 4. drawn by J. Jackson, Esq. R.A. and engraved by C. Heath, 1811, æt. 62, published by Mr. Britton, and inserted in the "Literary Anecdotes;" 5. another painted by Jackson, mezzotinted by H. Meyer, published in "History of Leicestershire;" 6. painted and engraved by Meyer, 1825, æt. 80, and published with this volume. Several small copies have been made from the above prints. There is also a faithful bust of Mr. Nichols by Giannelli; [and a more recent one in marble by that eminent sculptor, W. Behnes, Esq.]

A. CHALMERS.

* * The list of the very numerous publications, of which Mr. Nichols was either the author or the editor, which was appended to Mr. Chalmers's Memoir, 1826, has already appeared in the Literary Anecdotes, vol. VI. pp. 630—637. To this list are added in this volume, pp. 567, 568, the titles of some others of Mr. Nichols's later publications.

* [His tomb-stone, on the south side of the church-yard, bears the following inscription :

Within this vault lie the remains of
JOHN NICHOLS, Esq., F.S.A. Lond. Edinb. and Perth,
(Son of EDWARD and ANNE NICHOLS, of this parish.)
Author of the HISTORY OF LEICESTERSHIRE and other works,
and for nearly half a century editor and printer of
The GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE.

His long life was passed in useful and honourable activity,
and he died, universally respected and venerated, Nov. 26th, 1826, in his 82nd year.

[Then follow other family memorials.]—Lewis's History of Islington, p. 239.

The reader will pardon the insertion in this place of the following playful essay from the pen of Dr. Dibdin, recording the little events of a pleasant afternoon spent at Highbury Place; as it gives a true picture of the happy vivacity and flow of spirits with which Mr. Nichols was wont to welcome his friends, and to cheer his family circle. The visitors noticed are Dr. Dibdin, Joseph Haslewood, Alexander Chalmers, Thomas Payne, and Charles Rivington.

VISIT TO AN OCTOGENARIAN.

July 17, 1823.

THERE are few pictures of human life more pleasing to contemplate, than that of Old Age gradually, but comfortably, declining towards the grave. This comfort, to be complete, must be two-fold: first, it must arise from the freedom from bodily pain, and, secondly, from the possession of good spirits and cheerful hopes, resulting from sound principles, and the respect of all those whom we have long known and reciprocally loved. Such is the case with my Octogenarian Friend SYLVANUS.

This is the fifth anniversary visit, which, in concert with a few "long known" and highly-valued friends, I have just paid that excellent old man. He resides in a somewhat elevated spot—opposite Hampstead and Highgate hills—with a dozen acres of meadow land before his house—and a garden, well stocked with plants and fruits, behind; not quite one mile distant from Islington Church. Fortunately the day (in this dismal month of rain!) proved to be fine. The sky was dappled; the breeze blew gently from the south-west; and the united fragrance of strawberries and mignonette greeted us as we got the first vista-view of his lawn and shrubs. I should, however, premise, that a party of us started at a given hour from different points, in different vehicles, and reached the place of rendezvous—not quite with such celerity and precision as the Duke of Wellington put his forces in motion to march, by different routes, to the immortal plains of Vittoria. However, it was agreed that the dinner-hour should be somewhat procrastinated, in order that we might arrive in good time to have a promenade in the garden of the old gentleman, and in that of his son-in-law, who resides hard by.

We mustered to the number of five guests. The family of Sylvanus made that number a round dozen. On alighting from my vehicle (in which my legal friend "the Mirror for Magistrates"* shared the seat with me: note well, it was a *jarvy* chariot), I was ushered into the drawing-room, though I made rather a *bolt* for the Library; and

* Mr. Haslewood.

after a most cordial interchange of salutations, it was proposed that we should enjoy our promised stroll in the garden. The younger part of the visitors were already in motion (the magisterial "Mirror" in the number) upon the lawn; among whom I quickly discerned the Modern Plutarch,* and the great traders in classical and theological lore.† For myself, I quietly brought up the rear, with my Octogenarian Friend leaning on my arm, and discoursing cheerily on different topics—of times and of literature gone by, or as now existing. We approached a gravel walk to the left, snugly lying under a wall, and exposed to a warm southern sun. "There (exclaimed my venerable comrade), do you see yon walk? I owe the last two or three years of my existence (speaking from temporal causes) to regular exercise upon that walk;" and, as we gained it, methought the Octogenarian paced it with an air of conscious gaiety and strength—like some old admiral, who enjoys his stroll upon the quarter-deck every evening towards sunset.

The mirthful discourse of our friends accelerated our pace, and urged us forward. We reached a green-house, canopied by the leaves of a young and flourishing vine. "Please God, my dear friend (remarked the Octogenarian, pointing with his tortoise-headed cane to the vine), we will have some grapes off yonder stem, next year. You remember that I mentioned this to you on your visit here last July." I owned that I recollected it; but, "*next year*" to a man of fourscore! Yes, "another and another," if it please Divine Providence,—and why (said I to myself, checking the miserable fastidiousness of my meditations), why should it not be so? Or, if this worthy vine-cultivator be deprived of the fruits of his *own* vine during that revolving period, sure I am that he will partake of *other* fruits, not less delicious in flavour, and salutary in effects." There was comfort in that correcting thought; and so we strolled and gossipped on, till we joined the phalanx of our friends. On quitting the Octogenarian's garden, we entered that of his son-in-law.‡ It was more spacious, and stocked with a greater variety of fruits. The strawberry, of various species, blushed here; the raspberry reddened there; gooseberries, larger than the largest pearls "in an Æthiop's ear," hung down in crimson or green globules, by the side of a well-trimmed path. Here, the ripening currants showed their ruby or amber clusters: there, again, grew the stately artichoke, and the up-rising celery. Meanwhile, the full-flowered cauliflower, the Knight-pea, of Brobdignagian altitude, the Windsor-bean, begirt by the incipient kidney—each and all seemed clad in full luxuriance, and giving promise of plenteous fare. Nor be the daintier fruits of melon and cucumber omitted: for here they were—the former, bursting their rocky integuments; the latter, thin,

* Mr. Chalmers.

† Mr. T. Paine and Mr. C. Rivington.

‡ Mr. John Morgan.

tapering, and reminding us of *turbot* enjoyments. Above, glistened the cherry; while the walls were concealed by trees of the apricot, peach, and fig species:

And dark,

Beneath his ample leaf, the luscious fig.

So sings Thomson. But the shout of young voices was heard. The Octogenarian's grand-children were abroad. In fact, we noticed three or four of them, running, walking, or being drawn in a cart; accompanied by a due body-guard of nursery-maids. Thus we strolled, ate strawberries, patted the children's cheeks, now praised the weather, and now the garden, till the dinner was announced in due form. I made another effort for the Library, and we had actually got possession of it for five minutes; but the announce of dinner pursued us even into that peaceful haunt! To resist, or tarry longer, were fruitless: and so we marched, a procession of twelve, into a well-proportioned dining-room, and sat down to an excellently furnished dinner. I soon recognised my friend the cucumber, in the wake of the turbot. But it were equally rude and profitless to describe a dinner—supplied by the hand of hospitality, and demolished by hungry stomachs, and grateful hearts. The Rhenish wine, in two poplar-shaped bottles, did not fail to allay thirst and excite applause. 'Twas the savings of the last clear drippings from the Heidelberg Tun. Sempronius* loved the Madeira, and the Modern Plutarch cleaved to the sherry. There was variety for all tastes, and more than a sufficiency for all cravings.

The daughters, and the son, and the son-in-law, and the grandson of the Octogenarian, all mingled in discourse; all quaffed the juice of the vine (but not of that in the garden); were all merry, and yet sober and wise. Such a day of joyance is not of ordinary occurrence. And how fared the Octogenarian? As gay as the gayest—as hearty as the heartiest—as happy as the happiest: complaining only that he could not *exactly* see when the juice of the grape had reached the brim of the glass. But what signifies this dimness of sight, when one thinks of that perfection of *intellectual* vision which all his friends acknowledge it is *his* happiness to enjoy?

The shades of night were now, however, falling apace:

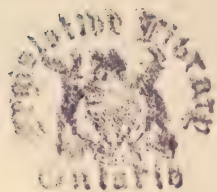
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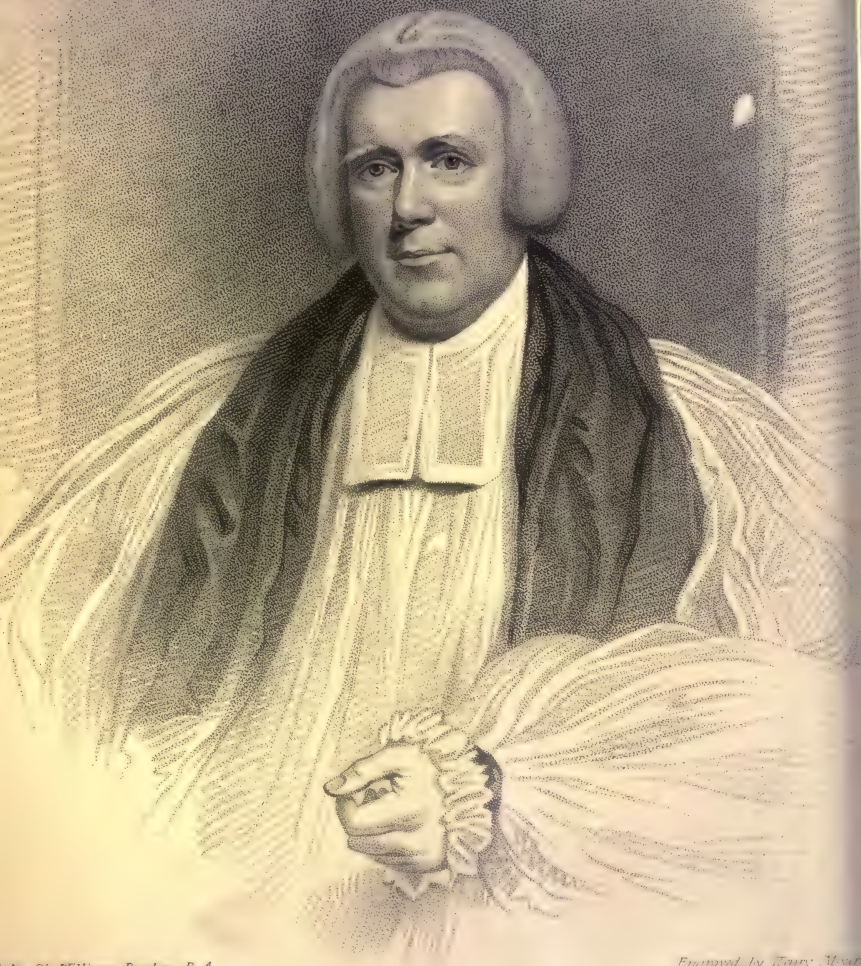
A string of jarvies enfiladed the doorway. We had our coffee and tea; exchanged fair words with our fair companions; talked over the too swiftly-flown revelries; planned another Anniversary Visit; and at half-past ten precisely took our departures, but *not*

————— for fresh woods and pastures new.

No: ere the clock struck twelve, we were all (with one exception) immured within the walls of London, about to repose on mattress-

* Mr. Haslewood.





by Sir William Beechey R.A.

Engraved by Thos. Agnew

THE RIGHT REV. GEORGE HENRY LAW,

D.D. F.R.S. & F.S.A.

LORD BISHOP OF BATH & WELLS.

mounted beds; for, in the month of July, I do contend that the bed should succumb to the mattress. And how sinks to repose the Father and Son? I hear, in the prayers of the former, the language of Thomson:

Father of light and life, thou good Supreme!

O, teach me what is good, teach me Thyself!

and in those of the latter something that reminds me of the filial piety of Pope:

Me let the tender office long engage,

To rock the cradle of reposing age;

With lenient arts extend a Father's breath,

Make languor smile, and smooth the bed of death.

CAPRICORNUS.

It is scarcely necessary to remark how grateful the family of Mr. Nichols were made by the receipt of the preceding Memoir, which was also cordially welcomed by his numerous friends. In the Memoir Mr. Chalmers alludes to the opinions entertained of Mr. Nichols by two eminent dignitaries of the Church, expressed on hearing of his death. On that melancholy occasion so many letters were received by his son that the bare enumeration of the names of the writers might seem ostentatious. It may be allowable, however, to introduce a few of them, as written by gentlemen of literary reputation (since deceased), and who were well able to appreciate Mr. Nichols's talents as an author, as well as his private worth.

From Rt. Rev. Dr. LAW,* BISHOP of BATH and WELLS.

Palace, Wells, Dec. 4. 1826.

SIR,—I received with very sincere concern the account of your good

* For this amiable prelate Mr. Nichols entertained the sincerest respect and regard. He thus speaks of him in his *Literary Anecdotes* in 1814, on occasion of recording the death of his brother John, Bishop of Elphin:

“Uno avulso, non deficit alter. Not long after the death of Bishop John

Father's death. He was an able, and what is much more, he was a perfectly honest man. We can ill afford to lose him. As an excellent antiquary, as a friend to literary men, and as a liberal but thoroughly attached son of the Church of England, his memory will long live in the esteem and recollection of his friends; in the number of them I wish to be considered, and remain, Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant, GEO. H. BATH AND WELLS.

Law, his brother Dr. George Henry (youngest and thirteenth child of the good Bishop of Carlisle) was honoured with the mitre. He was elected Bishop of Chester in June 1812. Of the estimation in which this worthy prelate is held, the numerous Sermons he has preached for public charities in the Metropolis is sufficient evidence." He was educated at the Charter House and at Queen's College, Cambridge; second wrangler, and first classical medalist in 1781, and in 1812 was elevated from the see of Chester to that of Bath and Wells. He always performed his episcopal duties with zeal and assiduity. In the diocese of Chester he made considerable beneficial reforms; and after his translation to Wells devoted much time to improve the condition of the poor. See a memoir of Bishop Law in the "Lives of the Bishops of Bath and Wells," by Mr. Cassan, who thus sums up his character: "In his style of writing Bishop Law is easy, natural, and unaffected, full of piety and good feeling, often a successful imitator of Paley in closeness and clearness of reasoning, oftener his superior in elegance and animation. There appears little of the *labor limæ*, perhaps too little. As his sentiments flow warm and rapidly from the heart, so his words distil spontaneously from the pen. The great truths of Christianity are artlessly but impressively displayed; sound doctrine is energetically but mildly maintained, and the practical results of a right faith are insisted on, with a perspicuity of argument that none can mistake, that carries conviction to the mind, and makes its way directly to the heart." The Bishop was fond of publishing his professional compositions; a list of them is given in an ample memoir of him in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for Nov. 1845, pp. 529—531. He married early in life a daughter of General Adeane, by whom he had four sons: 1. Rev. Thomas Law, Chancellor of Lichfield; 2. George, who died in India in 1811; 3. Rev. Henry Law, Chancellor and Archdeacon of Wells, and Rector of Weston-super-Mare; 4. Rev. Robert Vanburgh Law, Prebendary of Chester and Wells; and five daughters. A gradual decay of his powers of mind had for some time deprived his diocese of his duties, and his friends of that delightful interchange of thought and reciprocity of feeling they had enjoyed in his society. This visitation was mitigated by the devoted attachment of his family, by the sedulous attention of all around him, and by the pious and benevolent associations which manifestly filled his own mind when a momentary ray of light was shed upon it. "His end was peace." He died without pain or struggle at Banwell, Sept. 22, 1845, aged 84.

From Rt. Rev. Dr. BURGESS,* BISHOP of SALISBURY.

Bath, Dec. 19, 1826.

DEAR SIR,—The death of your excellent Father, though “full of years and of literary honours full,” has left a blank, which those who knew him will long feel.

Yours faithfully,

T. SARUM.

From Dr. THOMAS RENNELL,† Dean of Winchester.

Deanery, Winchester, Dec. 3d, 1826.

MY DEAR SIR,—I received yesterday your melancholy tidings of the decease of my excellent friend your venerable Father. I beg you

* Mr. Nichols has given a memoir of the learned Bishop Burgess in the Index Volume of his “Literary Anecdotes,” VII. p. 524, and slight notices of him in other volumes of his works. See General Index, VII. pp. 55, 524; Literary Illustrations, V. 616, 624, 697; VII. 653. He obtained a scholarship at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and to prevent his leaving college for a curacy Mr. Tyrwhitt begged him to accept an equivalent to a curate’s salary. See a letter of the bishop to Mr. Nichols on the subject, in *Gent. Mag.* for May 1837, p. 538, which letter is highly honourable to him. He afterwards became fellow and tutor of his college, and was made Chaplain to Dr. Barrington, Bishop of Salisbury, which led to his becoming a prebendary of Salisbury, as he was afterwards of Durham, on Bishop Barrington’s translation to that see. In 1803 he was appointed by Mr. Addington to the bishopric of St. David’s, where he established a College for Ministers, and made other important improvements. In 1825 he became Bishop of Salisbury. The number of his classical and theological works testify his scholarship: see an account of them in *Gent. Mag.* 1837, i. pp. 539—541. Bishop Burgess was mainly instrumental in establishing the Royal Society of Literature in 1821. He died Feb. 19, 1838, aged 80, and was buried in Salisbury Cathedral.

† Of Dr. Rennell, Dean of Winchester, and of his family, frequent notices occur in the *Literary Anecdotes*, particularly in vol. IX. pp. 152, 730; he is also slightly noticed in p. 611 of this volume. He was educated first by his father, and at thirteen sent to Eton, and his master Dr. Foster pronounced him the best scholar he had ever sent out from Eton. His studies at college were chiefly in classical and general literature, but on leaving college he was a severe student in Theology. In 1797 he was persuaded by Mr. Pitt to become Master of the Temple, where his eloquence as a preacher drew numerous and attentive hearers, and his office brought him into friendship with all the great judges and lawyers of the day. In 1805 he was made Dean of Winchester, and in 1827 he resigned his mastership of the Temple.

As a theologian and a scholar he was one of the most remarkable men of his day. He was as familiar with the Fathers as with the eminent English and foreign divines. In classical lore he was deep and accurate. Horace was his

to accept my best thanks for considering me in the number of those who take a near interest in this event, an event awful and admonitory to one whose age approaches so near to his, as well as afflicting to those to whom the singular amiableness of his disposition must have endeared him.

But this dispensation must be greatly alleviated by reflecting upon the career of his long, useful, and well-spent life, and the important services he has rendered for so long a space to the cause of our holy religion. Of the incalculable power of the Press, either in the production of good, or the diffusion of mischief, every thinking person must be aware. It is my firm opinion, that in the various productions which during so long a period issued from his press, not a line escaped which could be detrimental to the influence of Christianity; but on the contrary, peculiarly in the conduct of that leading work "*The Gentleman's Magazine*," the genuine principles of orthodox religion have been advocated and diffused in this nation by its channel for the largest portion of a century; and even in the amusing and instructive articles of a literary and antiquarian cast, this leading purpose seems not to have been lost sight of. Your worthy Father, therefore, as while he sojourned with us he was by the kindness and benevolence of his heart the delight of his friends, so must he be considered as an eminent benefactor to his country.

Your consolation therefore is, that, full of years and good works, he is gone to his exceeding great reward. I can only add, that during the short remainder of my days I shall cherish a most affectionate regard for his memory.

Believe me, my dear Sir, yours ever faithful and obliged,

THOMAS RENNELL.

From Sir WILLIAM BETHAM,* Ulster King of Arms.

Dublin, 9 Dec. 1826.

MY DEAR SIR,—I trust you will not consider me intrusive in expressing my regrets and sympathy at the departure of your venerable and worthy parent. He had more years vouchsafed him than most men, he held on the even and honourable tenor of his way

favourite, and next to him Shakspeare. As a Christian he was a man of deep and fervent piety, and his benevolence and charity were unbounded. The Dean died March 31, 1840, in his 87th year. Of his eminent son, the Rev. T. Rennell, vicar of Kensington, see in this volume, p. 611.

* Sir William Betham, M.R.I.A. and F.S.A. was a very able antiquary and genealogist. He died Oct. 26, 1853, aged 74. See an ample memoir of him in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for Dec. 1853, p. 632; where is given a list of his works, and an account of his large manuscript collections.

with the uninterrupted respect and esteem of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and of those whose friendship and respect were worth possessing. Although it was only in very early life I had the gratification of a slight acquaintance, yet the urbanity of his manners and the kindness of his disposition made on my mind a lasting impression of respect. His labours in his literary career are marked by such sound principles and good feeling as have riveted that respect on the tablet so indelibly as only to pass away with it.

He has been the vehicle as well as the asserter of the soundest principles of morality and religion, and the steady supporter of the institutions of his country in the worst times. He has left his mantle; he pursued and finished his course *sans peur et sans reproche*; follow his example, and thou shalt do likewise.

I am, with great truth, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

W. BETHAM, *Ulster*.

J. B. Nichols, Esq. F.S.A.

From MICHAEL BLAND,* Esq. F.S.A.

30, Montague Place, Russell Square, 9 Decr. 1826.

MY DEAR SIR,—In availing myself of the opportunity afforded me at Stationers' Hall, to bear my humble testimony to the character and virtues of your late most excellent Father, I felt a melancholy satisfaction in the endeavour to discharge an incumbent duty, by paying a feeble tribute of respect to the memory of one whose name was associated with my earliest recollections, and whose talents and industry were admired and held in high estimation by that "*Friend to Accuracy*" who never mentioned him, although personally unacquainted, but with expressions of sincere regard. To me there is a mournful gratification in knowing that amongst some of the last efforts of your venerable Parent's pen, is the notice so affectionately taken of the volume† which I presented to him, in the last number of that *Miscellany* wherein his labours had been so long and so eminently conspicuous.

* Michael Bland, esq. F.R.S. F.S.A., was a partner in the brewery of Whitbread and Co. and was member of many of the learned societies. He married a sister of Dr. Maltby, Bishop of Durham, and was the father of the Rev. George Bland, Archdeacon of Lindisfarne. Mr. M. Bland died April 19, 1851, aged 74. His father was Thomas Bland of Norwich, a member of the Society of Friends, and a partner of Messrs. Gurney and Bland. He was a frequent and acceptable correspondent of the *Gentleman's Magazine*, under the signature of "*A Friend to Accuracy*." He died August 28, 1818, and a memoir of him was given in *Gent. Mag.* 1818, ii. 282.

† A review of "*Collections for a History of the Bland Family*," compiled by Nicholas Carlisle, Esq. Sec.S.A., which Mr. Bland had been at the expense of printing for private circulation.

To you, my dear Sir, it must be a source of consolation that a long protracted life, so usefully spent, was permitted to close so peacefully, affording the assurance that his meek spirit was prepared to meet the sudden and awful transit from time to eternity.

Be assured I shall never cease to cherish a warm friendship for the son of such a man; and that I am, my dear Sir, yours very truly,

MICHL. BLAND.

From the Rev. PHILIP BLISS,* D.C.L.

Oxford, December 11, 1826.

MY DEAR SIR,—Accept my warmest and most sincere thanks for the very kind letter you were so good to send me many days since. It deserved a much earlier acknowledgment; but at this moment, the close of a very busy term, I can find no time for private business, and

* The Rev. Philip Bliss, D.C.L. was the son of the Rev. Philip Bliss, of Oriel College, and Rector of Frampton Cotterell, co. Glouc. who died Feb. 1, 1803, in his 61st year (*Gent. Mag.* 1803, p. 284.) He was educated at Merchant-tailors' School, and was elected a Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, in 1806. He graduated B.C.L. 1815, D.C.L. 1820. He was for a short time sub-librarian at the Bodleian. In 1824 he was elected Registrar of the University, which office he resigned in 1853. In 1826 he was appointed Keeper of the Archives, which he continued till his death. In 1831 he was made Registrar of the Chancellor's Court, and in 1848 appointed Principal of St. Mary's Hall. From 1813 to 1820 he published his enlarged and corrected edition of the "*Athenæ Oxonienses*" of Anthony Wood. This work procured the editor the greatest credit, as it comprised the corrections made to the original by very numerous learned men, including Bishop Kennett, Bishop Tanner, Dr. Rawlinson, Wanley, Morant, Watts, Sir P. Sydenham, Bishop Humphreys, W. Cole, Coningsby, and J. Loveday. He was fortunate in the assistance of his friends Dr. Bandinel of the Bodleian and Sir H. Ellis, K.H. both of whom he thanks in his Preface. To these must be added the indefatigable labours of Dr. Bliss himself, as there is scarcely a page which does not bear evidence of his patient investigation.

Dr. Bliss edited in 1851 a new edition of the Catalogue of Oxford Graduates; and lately published the "*Remains of Thomas Hearne*," 2 vols. 8vo. 1856. This work had been printed for the greater part many years previously. He became a member of the Roxburghe Club in 1837, and was for some years Vice-President of that institution, to which he presented, in conjunction with the Rev. Dr. Bandinel, in 1846, a volume of English historical papers. Few men were better known, and his aptitude for business and great punctuality and never failing courtesy gained him universal esteem. He was both able and willing to communicate the rich stores of the University of Oxford to his friends and the public. In the third volume of *Literary Illustrations*, Mr. Nichols thanks Dr. Bliss for his analysis of the Letters of Bishop Smallridge in the Bodleian (iii. 276). Dr. Bliss died at Oxford Nov. 18, 1857, aged about 70. A good memoir of him is in *Gent. Mag.* for December, 1857.

I now write these few lines in the greatest haste, and amidst the most appalling confusion, lest you should suppose me regardless of your kind attention, or not sufficiently interested in the communication.

No person, believe me, had a more sincere regard or a higher respect for your late excellent Father than myself. I have known him for thirty out of forty years of my life, and his nobleness of mind, sweetness of disposition, his personal kindness of manner, and the lively interest he always expressed towards me, were well calculated to excite my esteem and reverence.

Although in the common course of nature his life could not have been expected to last much longer, yet I own I was much shocked when I first heard of his death, and the more so perhaps as not many days previously my wife had expressed her desire that we might all meet, and that she might know the "excellent old man" whose merits we were talking over with some friends of mine who are neighbours of yours. We had indeed sent a message to Highbury, and the almost immediate intelligence we received made the event still more striking. We have, however, my dear Sir, in common with all those who loved him, much to be thankful for, in the manner of his departure—a more placid and easy death I never remember to have heard of, and it must be no small consolation to his most united family to remember that his last day was spent with those he best loved, and that they had all of them through life contributed to his happiness. For my own part I shall ever revere his memory both as a personal friend and a public benefactor to the republic of letters, nor shall I omit a proper opportunity of offering (so far as I am able) my humble but zealous tribute to his merits.

Pray, my dear Sir, remember me in the kindest manner possible to every part of your family.

Your faithful and obliged friend and servant, PHILIP BLISS.
J. B. Nichols, Esq.

From JOHN BRITTON,* Esq. F.S.A.

Dec. 5, 1826.

MY DEAR SIR,—Had not illness incapacitated me from writing, when I heard of the death of your most amiable and excellent Father,

* John Britton, esq. F.S.A. died January 1, 1857, in his 86th year. This venerable antiquary has left ample records of his long and active life in his own "Reminiscences." Memoirs of him appeared at the time of his decease in the "Builder" by his friend Mr. Godwin; in the Literary Gazette, by Mr. Lovell Reeve; and in the Gentleman's Magazine. An excellent review of his labours, by the Rev. J. E. Jackson, has since appeared in the Wiltshire Magazine, vol. iv. p. 109, accompanied by a photograph by Claudet; and in the papers of the Institute of British Architects a memoir by Mr. M. Digby

I should have written to you instantly; but Dr. Maton was then attending me in a severe fever, from which I am slowly recovering.

His estimable character, kindness of manner, and eagerness to oblige and serve the young Topographer no one can appreciate more than I do, and ever have done. Mr. Nichols was *the very first* to aid and assist me, when I was most in need. He gave me an introductory letter to Mr. Ellis, then a boy,* and rendered me other acts of personal and literary civility. His memory will ever be cherished in my heart: but with you I hope to preserve the same feelings of friendship and amity during life, and leave some token, if I die first, after death.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Nichols and to your Son, and believe me yours, truly,

J. BRITTON.†

From JAMES BROWN, Esq.‡

St. Alban's, 5th Dec. 1826.

DEAR SIR,—I take my pen in hand to return you my thanks for

Wyatt. See Lit. Illust. Index, viii. 13, 125. Mr. Britton was a frequent correspondent in the Gentleman's Magazine, and shortly before his death contributed two or three memoirs that it may be useful to refer to, as they assimilate with the accounts of his other friends given in the "Reminiscences."

1. Edward Wedlake Brayley, esq. F.S.A. his first associate in literature, and coadjutor in many of his works: he died Sept. 23, 1854, in his 82d year. See Mr. Britton's memoir in Gent. Mag. 1854, ii. pp. 582, 538. See also Britton's "Reminiscences," I. 383. II. 184.

2. Mr. William Henry Bartlett, the eminent draughtsman and author, who was a pupil of Mr. Britton. He prematurely died Sept. 25, 1854, in his 45th year. See Gent. Mag. 1855, i. p. 212. See "Reminiscences," I. 382. II. 183.

3. Samuel Prout, esq. F.S.A. the water-colour painter. He was born at Plymouth, and when a youth, assisted Mr. Britton in taking views in the West of England. He came to London in 1804, and, after a successful career, died Feb. 10, 1852, aged 68. See Gent. Mag. 1852, i. 419.

4. Thomas Cubitt, esq. the eminent builder, who died Dec. 28, 1855, in his 68th year. See Mr. Britton's Memoir in Gent. Mag. 1856, i. p. 202.

* Sir Henry Ellis collected the materials of his History of Shoreditch whilst still a student at Merchant-taylors' School.

† "With Mr. Nichols I continued in friendly communication from the end of the last century till his death in 1826. From feelings of respect and the sincerest regard I selected my friend J. Jackson, R.A. in April 1811, to make one of his beautifully accurate portraits of the venerable topographer for me, and employed Charles Heath to translate the same, and perpetuate it on copper for publication. This is a most faithful, expressive representation of the full, cheerful, and spectacled features of a truly good man." (Britton's Reminiscences, i. 237). The portrait in question is that inserted in volume III. of Literary Anecdotes.

‡ See a notice of Mr. Brown in p. 686.

the letter this day received from you, giving me an account of the sudden but easy transition of your respected Father, to use your own language, "I would humbly hope, to a better state of existence."

I am the more obliged to you for it as I was, I acknowledge, rather curious to know how he had finished his course, not having seen anybody who could give me any information upon the subject beyond what I found in one of the Papers of the last week, which struck me exceedingly, as, I dare say, it did also my worthy neighbour* here, if he were previously as ignorant upon the subject as myself. He was to go to London on Friday last, and, I have no doubt, has fully inquired into the closing history of his old friend, for whom he always expressed the greatest esteem.

My acquaintance and connection with him originated in the month of March 1782, and began by my sending to him, for the use of the Magazine, a memoir of Sir John King, whose sister was an ancestor of mine; and was carried on, in the May following, by another memoir of Sir Ralph Sadleir; since which time, as you well know, I have frequently troubled him with trifles, down to the answer two or three months ago to his inquiry about Irish Baronets, which he so handsomely acknowledged. I wish my communications upon all occasions had been more acceptable and useful.

I am now wearing out, in my 77th year, and cannot at present write any more than to offer my best and sincerest wishes, and compliments of condolence, to yourself, Mrs. Nichols, and all the branches of your family, elder and younger, being with much esteem, Dear Sir, Yours, very truly,

JAMES BROWN.

From the Rev. WEEDEN BUTLER, junior.†

Chelsea, 28th November, 1826.

MY VALUED FRIEND,—The Morning Post of this day informs its readers of the demise of your Father. Venerable in age, and honourable in the walks of literature, the good man was still infinitely more the object of respectful esteem among his acquaintance, and of affectionate regard amidst his family and in the circle of his friends, for his public deserts as a citizen of our enlightened metropolis, and for his private virtues; nor can it fail to prove, to all who once knew

* Sir William Domville, baronet, who, in a letter, dated the 29th November, remarked, "I have lost a most esteemed and valuable friend. Out of my own family I can no where find such another: an uninterrupted and close friendship had subsisted between us for more than fifty years, and we have ever acted in the same views for the interest of the Company of Stationers, who will lament and feel his great loss." Sir William Domville has been noticed in p. 507.

† See biographical notice of Mr. Weeden Butler, junior, in p. 647.

him, a source of permanent consolation at their recurring recollections of his utility and worth, for them (as humble Christians "sorrowing not without hope") to remember at the same time his piety, his charity, his devotion, and his faith. This is a very brief tribute of reverence, wholly inadequate to express with justice the sincerity of heartfelt sentiment on so awful an event—not unexpected, certainly, for some years—of one who loved the departed as the beloved friend of his own father* for more than forty years during their earthly pilgrimage. The mantle remains in your house. May God cheer you and yours! I am truly, dear Sir, your faithful servant,

WEEDEN BUTLER.

J. B. Nichols, Esq. F.S.A.

From JOHN CALEY,† Esq. F.R.S. and F.S.A.

Exmouth Street, 2 Decr. 1826.

MY DEAR SIR,—I thank you much for your kind note, stating the awful suddenness of your good Father's departure from life.

Among my numerous literary friends I held none in higher estimation than him, not more on account of his high attainments as a scholar, than his great integrity and benevolence. Truly may I say

Multis ille bonis flebilis occidit,

Nulli flebilior quam mihi.

Indeed whenever I had occasion to cite a worthy and valuable citizen, he was my constant exemplar.

With sincere regards to all the branches of your family, believe me, my dear Sir, your very faithful friend,

JOHN CALEY.

J. B. Nichols, Esq.

From ALEXANDER CHALMERS,‡ Esq.

Throgmorton Street, Nov. 27, 1826.

MY DEAR SIR,—I am unable to say more at present than to acknowledge the receipt of your melancholy letter, for which I was in some measure prepared by a previous call from Mr. Morgan,§ which was, under all circumstances, kind and considerate, but what he communicated has disordered me much. I am fully prepared to sympa-

* Of the Rev. Weeden Butler, senior, see *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. V. pp. 730, 858.

† John Caley, esq. Keeper of the Records in the Augmentation Office and the Chapter House, F.R.S. and F.S.A. was an able antiquary and an agreeable member of many learned societies. His name appears as one of the editors of the new edition of Dugdale's *Monasticon* (to which, however, he did little else than contribute documents). He contributed several papers to the *Archæologia*. He died April 21, 1834, aged 71. See a memoir of him and an account of his library and collections in *Gent. Mag.* for September 1831, p. 320.

‡ For memoir of Mr. Chalmers, see p. 532.

§ John Morgan, Esq. the son-in-law of Mr. Nichols.

thize with you and your family, for I have lost one of the most valuable, kind, and amiable friends I ever had, and whom it will be impossible to forget, for there will scarcely be a day in my future life, in which I shall not be profiting by his labours.

I endeavoured, but with a very trembling hand, to apprise our friend Mr. Payne* with this melancholy event, and have just had an answer in these words: "I am very much shocked indeed at the intelligence which your note brought me. There are few persons whose loss I can so much regret—the friend of my Father, and a person whom I have known and respected from my boyish years." He concludes with informing me that he shall not be of a small party to which we were both engaged for to-morrow. I had made a previous resolution. It is due to the memory of the deceased, to my own feelings, which are the more distressing from the short time that has elapsed since I saw your Father, and since you gave me hopes that he had recovered from his late short illness.

If not intruding, remember me to your sisters and family; and believe me, never more than now, your sincere friend,

ALEXR. CHALMERS.

Friday evening, Jan. 5, 1827.

MY DEAR SIR,—I received your dear Father's portrait yesterday from Mr. Collier, which is now suspended in my best room. While I heartily thank you for this, I feel somewhat of reluctance in accepting that, the expense of which was not left to myself.

I dined yesterday with the Worshipful Company:† this used to be a great day, on which were invited the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, &c. but on the present occasion this custom was not followed, I have no doubt for very good reasons. It was, however, a great day to me, for I had from every member of the Court the highest compliments on account of the late Memoir. This I should never have mentioned to you by post if it were not very evident that the compliment was more connected with the subject than the writer. What less could I or could you infer, from its being repeatedly told me that I had done ample justice to your Father, and had represented him exactly as he was, and exactly as they had all known him? You will therefore, I hope, my dear Sir, acquit me of vanity in making this communication to you of yesterday's proceedings, since every thing said to me belongs to the honoured memory of your dear Father.

Among those who were most kind in their notice of the above circumstances were Mr. Hansard,‡ who took me aside the moment I

* Thomas Payne, Esq. the eminent bookseller: see biographical notice in p. 504.

† The Stationers'.

‡ Luke Hansard: see p. xliv. hereafter.

entered the room, and Gardiner,* absent, but who charged his son with a message to me, intimating the pleasure I afforded him. The Court was rather full, there being scarcely any absent but those who very seldom attend.

I remain, my dear Sir, yours most truly, ALEXR. CHALMERS.

From the Rev. THOMAS FROGNAL DIBDIN, D.D.†

Exning Vicarage, Nov. 30, 1826.

MY DEAR SIR,—My pen must not lie quiet on the receipt of your letter, though I was in possession of the melancholy event detailed in

* Joseph Gardiner, Esq. Master of the Stationers' Company in 1818; father of Thomas Gardiner, Esq. Master of the Company in 1851; and grandfather of Mr. Stephen Gage Gardiner, now one of its Stock-keepers. See p. 502.

† See a biographical notice of Dr. Dibdin in p. 631. Mr. Nichols was thus noticed in 1817 by Dr. Dibdin in his *Decameron*, ii. 401. "It is with emotions of no ordinary gratification that I venture upon my brief chronicle of this excellent old man, whose elasticity of mind and soundness of body ('mens sana in corpore sano') are not over-estimated in the language of Lisardo:

'I will not smother the impulse which I feel to speak roundly and gallantly in favour of the Living Father of the Puncheon and Matrix, ycleped John Nichols, who, septuagenarian as he is, as yet preserves the elastic spirits of youth, talks of his "Bowyer," and brandishes his rectangular-headed cane with all the pardonable consciousness of the merit associated to such a pair of names.'

"Scarcely a week has elapsed since I visited him at Islington. The septuagenarian was hearty, cheerful, and as anxious as ever about the success of his literary projects. When I had given him a sketch of the manner in which the names and memories of the more eminent printers of celebrity had been treated in these inefficient pages, the 'old boy' gave such tokens of satisfaction as led me to hope I had not rashly executed the important task undertaken; 'for,' says he, 'if I am not deep in the lore of Fust, Jenson, and Froben, Operinus and Plantin, I have at least learned the art under a master who, for integrity and erudition, may possibly vie with either.' The labours of Mr. Nichols have neither been few nor unimportant, but his 'Leicestershire' must be considered his *magnum opus*. The Gentleman's Magazine is perhaps the most popular testimony of the labours of its indefatigable editor; and even yet, while his sun is setting with so warm a glow that its declension is scarcely perceptible, even yet does Mr. Nichols superintend every sheet of its composition. Rare and enviable felicity!

"We shall now touch a more affecting chord. In his 63d year (1808) Mr. Nichols was doomed to experience a calamity, which required all his energies as a man, and his resignation as a Christian, and all the consolation arising from the weight of his public character, as a member of society, to sustain—the destruction of his printing-office and warehouses, with the whole of their contents, BY FIRE. The conflagration of one dreadful night laid low his hopes,

it by the Paper of last Tuesday. Yet, why call it "melancholy?" It is absolutely a congratulatory event; for, after a life of so much active virtue, benevolence, and public utility, protracted to such a period, who would not desire a similar departure? and what fitter preparation can mortal man receive for such an exit than that which I have before described. I pass by his private worth, his friendly heart, his parental affection, his popularity among a large and respectable circle of discerning friends—these, and much more, which I want the opportunities, as well as the time, of recording, embalm his memory in the fondest regrets of the gentle and the good. Take, take, my dear friend, all I can give you; a cordial, but not a dispiriting sympathy; it will be for me some day, when the inspiring mood arises, to throw some trifling flower upon his tomb, as I scattered one or two in his walk while he was alive; and I think of all I have said and written on this score with a satisfaction it is not easy to express. Pope's comforting line is well applicable to his exit:—

"His death was gentle and without a groan."

The Scriptures will supply an abundance of more effectually consoling lines, albeit in prose. Here, there, and at all places, most truly yours,
T. F. DIBDIN.

From ISAAC D'ISRAELI, Esq. F.S.A.*

Bloomsbury Square, 2 December, 1826.

MR. D'ISRAELI is sensibly obliged by the kind recollection of the family of his old departed friend, and he begs they will accept his sincerest condolence.

He participated in the painful shock.

It is a melancholy satisfaction to find that a long life, honourably

and dissipated the harvest of fifty previous years of industry and collection. All seemed one wide scene of desolation. The pang of sufferance was doomed however to be short, although severe; within 24 months new walls, new rooms, new warehouses, peace, plenty, and prosperity, seemed to smile around." Dr. Dibdin thus pleasantly concludes his notice of Mr. Nichols (from which are given the preceding extracts):—"But what have we here? The very Septuagenarian himself, with his rectangular cane, ready to give a rap on the pericranium of the saucy Zoilus who dares question the loveliness of the forms of his puncheons." Dr. Dibdin then gives a beautiful miniature copy of Mr. Nichols's head from the portrait by H. Edridge, A.R.A. in which the rectangular cane, necessarily omitted in the Decameron, is shown. The rectangular cane also appears in the last portrait of Mr. Nichols, by H. Meyer, prefixed to this volume. A later notice of Mr. Nichols by Dr. Dibdin has been given in p. xxvi.

* See biographical notice in p. 661.

exerted to the last, with faculties unimpaired, closed in peace, without the agony of a last farewell.

Our lost friend, with a temper tranquil as its pursuits, has left the world lasting monuments of his studious labours; and those who shall know his worth hereafter will be gratified when they learn that his public and domestic virtues, which made every one his friend, were also a source of happiness to his devoted family.

Miss Nichols.

From WILLIAM THOMAS FITZ-GERALD, Esq.*

31, Dudley Grove, Paddington Green, Dec. 8th, 1826.

MY DEAR SIR,—It was but yesterday that your letter of the 4th instant came to my hands, owing to my having quitted my former abode for the house which I now occupy.

I saw in the Papers, with sincere regret, the loss you have experienced. Your good Father's useful life, his upright and amiable character, which endeared him to his family and friends while living, will be the best of epitaphs for his grave. In the full possession of all his faculties, he obtained a fine old age, and seems to have passed from mortal to immortal scenes without one pang. A true picture of Dr. Johnson's fine lines:

A life that sinks in unperceived decay,
And glides in modest innocence away,
Whose peaceful day benevolence endears,
Whose night congratulating conscience cheers.
The general favourite, and the general friend,—
Such age there is—and who would wish its end?

With great regard, I remain, my dear Sir, most sincerely yours,
WM. THOS. FITZ-GERALD.

J. B. Nichols, Esq.

* William Thomas Fitz-Gerald, esq. was a gentleman who wrote verse with ease, and whose muse was always at the service of loyal, constitutional, and charitable objects. Among the latter was his constant patronage of "The Literary Fund," for which society he wrote twenty-four poetical Addresses, which he delivered with great animation and effect at their anniversaries. His name was frequently before the public, as he was ever ready to assist his theatrical friends both of the public and private stage. He published a volume of Poems in 1801, and several small poetical pamphlets on various occasions, particularly on "The Downfall of Bonaparte," in 1814. He fell under the lash of the authors of "The Rejected Addresses," and also of Lord Byron, which was to be regretted, as his heart was loyal, warm, and generous, his manners gentlemanly and social, and for his amiable and entertaining qualities his company was courted by numerous friends. Mr. Fitz-Gerald died July 7, 1829, aged 70: see memoir in *Gent. Mag.* 1829, ii. 171.

From DAVIES GILBERT, Esq., M.P., F.R.S.*

Bridge Street, Westminster, Nov. 27, 1826.

MY DEAR SIR,—I was very much concerned to hear of the decease of your most respectable Father. I can only say, that his name will be handed down to posterity with the greatest credit to himself and to his family.

Believe me, my dear Sir, yours very truly and faithfully,

DAVIES GILBERT.

J. B. Nichols, Esq.

In another letter, dated on the 6th Dec., Mr. Gilbert remarked—

Scarcely a letter has reached me for a week past, that does not notice with regret the loss recently sustained by the literary world by the death of your worthy Father.

From WILLIAM HAMPER,† Esq. F.S.A.

Highgate, near Birmingham, Nov. 29th, 1826.

MY DEAR SIR,—I regret to observe in my newspaper this morning, that the “inevitable hour” which calls your excellent and venerable Father away from us is at length arrived. Accept for yourself and every survivor of your family my most unfeigned and heartfelt condolence; and believe me sincere when I assure you and them that I shall always entertain the highest regard for the memory of him whose

* See biographical notice in p. 655.

† Of this amiable and well-informed antiquary, who died May 3, 1831, a slight notice is given in p. 661. Mr. Sharp observes, in his excellent memoir of Mr. Hamper, that “he raised himself in society by the cultivation of his own superior talents and taste. He had the distinguished merit of self-education, and was the simple architect of his own reputation and station in the republic of letters.” He contributed some articles to the *Archæologia*, and to most of the county historians and antiquaries of the day he was an able assistant—to Mr. Nichols, Dr. Ormerod, Mr. Bray, Mr. Baker, Mr. Blakeway, Mr. Douce, Mr. Britton and others. Mr. Hamper published a life of Sir William Dugdale, and it is to be regretted that the collections for Warwickshire formed by Mr. Hamper and Mr. Sharp, were not incorporated into a proposed new edition of Dugdale’s *History* of that county. Mr. Britton observes in his “*Reminiscences*” that he “was more indebted to him than to any person in the world. A mass of his beautifully-written letters, now before me, is replete with sound information on various topics of antiquities, biography, &c. always couched in terms of kindness and playfulness.” Mr. Hamper’s letters to Mr. Britton have been returned to his daughter Mrs. Noble, who preserves them with pious respect.

loss we now deplore, and whose removal is in fact an event of public interest.

The cause of Letters in general, and of Antiquarian Literature in particular, is indebted to your dear Father more than my pen can express; for, independently of his own labours, which for extent and importance were far beyond those of most of his contemporaries, the nucleus of many a valuable work has been first seen in the pages of 'Sylvanus Urban,' whose miscellany has always kept alive and fostered those buddings of intellect, those sparks of genius, which otherwise would have been lost to the world. Nor has the cause of good order and sound religion been less upheld in the Gentleman's Magazine "through good report and evil report," and I will not doubt but that the same tempered zeal, and the same undeviating principles, will continue to influence its Editors, as long as its title-page shall bear the imprint of Nichols. I forbear to trouble you further at this time; but I should not have forgiven myself, if I had allowed a day to have passed without addressing a line of condolence, and without intreating that you will allow me always to subscribe myself, my dear Sir, your faithful friend and servant,

WM. HAMPER.

From LUKE HANSARD, Esq. Printer to the House of Commons.*

MY DEAR SIR,—The memory of your late highly respected Father will never be erased from any one who ever had the pleasure of knowing so much worth, so much affable good-nature, so much real kindness, so much unassuming, so much useful knowledge; and when those feelings which so properly attach to all on death are subsided in your family, I am quite sure it will be consolation to you that your beloved Father spent his last moments with his usual hilarity in the bosom of his friends, his relatives, his children; and if there be a place in Heaven for innate worth, for charitable disposition, for love to all mankind, and true reliance on a Redeemer, his spirit, ere this, is in paradise, where the world ceases from troubling, where the righteous are at rest.

It will be further consolation to you, I doubt not, that last night, at Cator's dinner,† Sir William Domville‡ paid a most pathetic tribute to your Father's memory, and another gentleman§ afterwards enlarged on "his departed friend's many estimable virtues."

I am, dear Sir, your sincere friend and very humble servant,

LUKE HANSARD.

* See biographical notices in pp. xxxix. 502.

† At Stationers' Hall.

‡ See biographical notices of Sir W. Domville, Bart. in pp. xxxvii. 507.

§ Mr. Bland: see p. xxxiii.

From WILLIAM GEORGE MATON, M.D.*

7, New Street, Sp. Gardens, Nov. 28, 1826.

MY DEAR SIR,—I assure you I feel very deeply the kindness of consideration which prompted you to make known to me the melancholy event of Sunday last, and I hasten to express to you not only my sense of the delicacy of your attention, but also my sincerest condolences on the loss which the family, and indeed society at large, has sustained in the decease of your truly venerable parent. In the midst of our regret, however, we must not forget the unusual length of days and degree of health with which it pleased Providence to bless that excellent and exemplary person, and through him his affectionate and dutiful family. How great, too, is the consolation of reflecting on the integrity and amiableness of his character, and the continued usefulness of his life, the remembrance of which must endear the name of Mr. Nichols (as it has ever done in the instance of myself) to every person who had the happiness of knowing him.

I beg the favour of you, my dear Sir, to make known my sentiments on this mournful occasion in the circle of your sisters, with whom, as well as with yourself, I sincerely sympathize, but to whom

* William George Maton, M.D. was an eminent physician and a highly honourable and estimable man. He was born at Salisbury in 1771, was of Queen's College, Oxford, and in due time Fellow of the College of Physicians. He was an eminent botanist, and friend of Dr. Pulteney, Mr. A. B. Lambert, Dr. Sibthorpe, and others. In 1794 he went to Cornwall with Mr. C. Hatchett and the Rev. T. Rackett; and the result was given to the public in Dr. Maton's "Observations on the Natural History, Scenery, and Antiquities of the Western Counties," 1797. His accidental introduction to the royal family when at Weymouth was the means of ultimately bringing him forward into a valuable practice in London. Dr. Maton died rather suddenly at Spring Gardens, March 30, 1835, aged 61, and was buried at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. There is a monument to his memory in Salisbury Cathedral. See an account of him by the Rev. Edward Duke, of Lake House, in *Gent. Mag.* 1837, i. 173, where is his epitaph; and a larger memoir by Dr. Paris in the *History of Salisbury* (Hoare's South Wiltshire), p. 654.

In the same work are "Some Notices relative to Animals and Plants of a part of the County of Wilts, ten miles round Salisbury, by Dr. Maton." George Matcham, esq. LL.D. in his 'History of the Hundred of Frustfield,' thus notices Dr. Maton: "For the botanical and geological features of the district, I had hoped to be the means of conveying much valuable knowledge derived from a neighbour and friend, Dr. G. Maton, of Redlynch, and Spring Gardens, London, whose occasional retirement in this neighbourhood from the toils of his profession was passed in searching the stores of Nature around him, and in applying his skill and science to their classification; but *Diis aliter visum*, and I have now in their place to record his loss, and the disappointment of many hours of anticipated information, communicated without parade, and of incitement to topographical research from his lively attachment to this neighbourhood."

the recollection of uninterrupted filial piety, added to the reflections expressed above, cannot fail to alleviate, I should hope, the pressure of sorrow.

I am, with great esteem, my dear Sir, yours very truly,

W. G. MATON.

From Sir N. HARRIS NICOLAS.*

Somerset Street, 30 Nov. 1826.

MY DEAR SIR,—I was indeed no stranger to the melancholy event which has plunged you into affliction, and, in common with all to whom

* Sir Nicholas Harris Nicolas, G.C.M. and K.H. was born March 10, 1799, and entered the Royal Navy. He married March 28, 1822, Sarah, youngest daughter of John Davison, esq. an event that led to his first work, "The Life of Mr. Secretary Davison," 1823. He was called to the Bar in 1825, and elected F.S.A. He then devoted himself almost entirely to literature, particularly in history, genealogy, and heraldry; and the works he produced in quick succession bore witness to his critical acumen and almost unparalleled industry. The titles and particulars of 41 works are given in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1848, which were either written or edited by Sir Harris Nicolas between 1823 and 1847. He was also a large contributor to Magazines and other Periodicals; and to the Archæologia of the Society of Antiquaries. He was joint editor of the Retrospective Review, and wrote in the Athenæum, Spectator, and Quarterly Review. Sir H. Nicolas combined all those higher qualities without which the rarest gifts of nature and the richest productions of learning, lose half their value. His quickness of temper and warmth of feeling raised him enemies, but they were allied to great generosity of heart, to warm affections, and to the most cordial attachments to all connected with him; and if in public controversy his censures were hasty and even unjust, they were attributable to his constitutional temperament that led him to throw his whole energies into every subject he discussed, rather than (as the more cautious know how to do) propitiate their opponents. It was to be lamented that so excellent a man should have created even literary enemies, for he could have no others. An able memoir of Sir H. Nicolas will be found in Gent. Mag. for October, 1848, pp. 425—429, where is appended a just estimate of his character by his friend the Rev. John Mitford. To the great grief of his numerous admirers, Sir H. Nicolas died at Boulogne, aged 49, Aug. 3, 1848, and was buried on the 8th.

To the Gentleman's Magazine Sir Harris was a constant and very valuable correspondent. It is with gratitude I beg to refer to the long and able Preface to the One Hundredth Volume of the Magazine, which was written at my request by Sir Harris Nicolas in June 1830. Perhaps no writer of his day was a better judge of the merits of the Gentleman's Magazine than Sir Harris Nicolas. It may therefore be allowable to insert his unbiassed opinion of the work as conducted by Mr. Nichols and his predecessors. "The Gentleman's Magazine forms of itself an Encyclopedia of almost Universal Knowledge, a library of the most rational and delightful information upon all which instructs

the venerable old gentleman was known, I fully regret the loss literature and society have sustained by his removal. Few, however, have been spared to us so long, and certainly none have left behind them such evidence of a useful life. Whilst the present generation survive, his memory will be cherished with affection from a knowledge of his virtues, and by posterity he will ever be respected for his great exertions in the advancement of Antiquarian Literature.

Most sincerely yours,

NICHOLAS HARRIS NICOLAS.

From ROBERT SURTEES, Esq. the Historian of Durham.*

Mainsforth, Dec. 1, 1826.

DEAR SIR,—It was only this day that, being in Durham, I was informed of the event which must have called forth the feelings of an attached and dutiful son. To *him*, I trust, to a *good man*, the translation was as little painful as is permitted to any human being. Whilst

or interests mankind ; ranging from Science to Art ; from History to Poetry ; from the Belles Lettres to Antiquities ; and presenting a fund of materials for Biography, which may be drawn upon without fear of exhaustion, and which, from its infinite variety, may be resorted to, either for the acquisition of wisdom, or to divert the tiresome hour, with the certainty of finding something we did not know before."

A previous application had been made to Sir Walter Scott, to write the Centenary Preface to the Gentleman's Magazine, and the refusal was couched in such flattering terms that the reader may not be displeased to see Sir Walter's answer:—

Sir,

I am honoured with your letter, and would feel happy to do any thing which could show my respect for the Gentleman's Magazine, from which I have often derived, and continue to derive, a quantity of literary information not to be seen elsewhere; and my respect for the literary patriarchs, Messrs. Cave and Nichols, would lead me to the same work without the slightest desire to put the publishers to expense. But at present I am so deeply and indispensably occupied by the necessity of bringing forward the Waverley books in due season, that it is impossible for me, within the time you propose, to supply you with any prefatory matter which could be of service to the publication, or to which I would like to put my name.

I am greatly obliged to you for the curious Memoir of Cave; and am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Edinburgh, December 8, 1829.

WALTER SCOTT.

To Bowyer Nichols, esq.

* See a biographical notice of Mr. Surtees in p. 615. Mr. Surtees has been fortunate in his biographers, George Taylor, esquire, and the Rev. James Raine. The improved edition of Mr. Surtees' Life was an agreeable present to the public, and more particularly to the Members of the Surtees Society. Prefixed to it is a silhouette of Mr. Surtees, taken in 1807. No more finished portrait of him was made.

nearer and dearer friends are expressing their feelings, I would not trespass on your time, and beg you will take no thought to answer my expression of deep and respectful regret for the Father of English Topography.

Believe me, most sincerely yours,

R. SURTEES.

From the Ven. ARCHDEACON WRANGHAM.*

Hunmanby, Jan. 15, 1827.

MY DEAR SIR,—While I beg to offer my sincere condolence on your late heavy loss in the demise of a most intelligent and virtuous Father, may I be forgiven if I add, in alleviation of your grief, that he had far exceeded the allotted limit of life, as it is ordinarily circumscribed, and still further its ordinary achievements. Few will be remembered longer, or with kinder associations, even among the bustle of this stirring and eventful age, than the good old man of whom I am speaking.

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* Mr. Archdeacon Wrangham was of Trinity Hall, Cambridge; and in 1790 was third wrangler and second Smith's prizeman. In classics he obtained the first medal. In 1794, 1800, 1811, and 1812, he gained the Seatonian prize for the best poem on a sacred subject. He was in an especial degree the *laudatus a laudato*; his scholarship received the homage of Parr, and his poetry the still rarer eulogy of Byron. See a memoir, with a list of his publications, in *Gent. Mag.* for April 1843, pp. 430-432. See also a slight notice, p. 608 of this volume. Dr. Dibdin, in his "Reminiscences," thus describes the Archdeacon in early life:—"He was flushed with academic honours from Cambridge,—a wrangler, a medallist, and a poet, full of ardour and ambition; his figure tall, his countenance expressive, his general bearing animated and interesting. He was among the 'crack young men' of his day, and his University and his friends had reason to be proud of him."

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THE PERCY CORRESPONDENCE.

MEMOIR
OF
ELIZABETH COUNTESS OF MOIRA.

ELIZABETH Countess of Moira was the eldest daughter of Theophilus ninth Earl of Huntingdon, by the celebrated and eminently-pious Selina Countess of Huntingdon, second daughter and coheirress of Washington Earl Ferrers.

She was born in 1732, and, at the age of 20, was married, Feb. 26, 1752, to John then Lord Rawdon, afterwards created, in 1761, Earl of Moira in Ireland; being his third wife. She thus became stepmother to his two daughters by his first wife: Lady Catharine, married in 1764 to Joseph Henry, of Straffan, in the county of Kildare, Esq.

who died 1780 ; and Lady Helena, married to the Earl of Mountcashel, who died 1792.

On the death of her brother Francis ninth Earl of Huntingdon in 1789, without lawful issue, she became the heiress of her family, and succeeded to the titles of Baroness Hungerford, Newmarch, Botreaux, Molins, and Moel.

By the Earl of Moira she had issue six sons and four daughters, viz. :—

Anne-Elizabeth, born 1753, married to Thomas Bruce, Earl of Ailesbury ; and died 1813.

Francis, born Dec. 7, 1754 ; created Baron Rawdon, in the county of York, 1783 ; succeeded his father as Earl of Moira in 1793 ; created Marquess of Hastings 1816. This gallant soldier, elegant senator, and popular statesman, died Nov. 28, 1826.

John-Theophilus, born 1757 ; M.P. for Launceston ; and died 1808.

Selina-Frances, born 1759 ; married to George Forbes, Earl of Granard ; and died 1827.

George, born 1761 ; M.P. for Lincoln ; and died 1800.

Charlotte-Adelaide-Constantia, born 1769 ; married 1814 to Hamilton Fitzgerald, Esq. ; and died 1834.

Three other sons and one daughter died young.

The Countess of Moira died April 12, 1808, at Moira House, Dublin, in her 76th year. Her remains were removed to Castle Forbes, to be interred in the vault belonging to the Earl of Granard, her Ladyship's son-in-law.

In the *Hibernian Magazine* for May 1808 appeared the following animated sketch of her Ladyship's character :

“ This lady was uncommonly gifted with great powers of memory, great quickness of intellect,

and a peculiarly easy yet spirited elocution, with which she adorned whatever subject she touched upon, whether the mere passing events of the day, the various topics of literature, or those useful arts by which the community is benefited, and the resources of a nation enlarged. Her acquaintance with such branches of knowledge was by no means limited or superficial; on the contrary, some learned Societies have borne respectful testimony to her acquirements in this particular, and the real utility which flowed from the productions of her active and discerning genius.

“She resided in Dublin, or in the North of Ireland (with the exception of one year’s absence in France), for fifty-six years. Let those who remember what Moira House was in the earlier days of that period, when she led, and reflected a grace upon, every beneficial fashion; when she cultivated the fine arts; when she rendered her house the favourite spot where every person of genius or talents in Dublin, or who visited Dublin, loved most to resort;—let such persons say, whether Moira House, and its illustrious Lady, as well as its truly noble and beneficent Lord, deserve not every panegyric which gratitude can bestow.

“She had a strong resemblance, in many respects, to her ancestors; a lofty spirit, magnificence of disposition, untired hospitality;—altogether, she was a lady of other times; and, when she mingled with society, more than her increased infirmities would of late years allow, few persons ever beheld her without something of more heroic days passing in indistinct yet splendid array before the imagination. In the reception of persons of the first distinction at her house, there was an air, a dignity, which will hardly be equalled, and never can be surpassed. But the noble manners, the imposing ceremonial of life, leave but slight vestiges for

remembrance, compared to those intrinsic and domestic virtues which give to the female sex their truest ornament. In all the private relations of life she was, to the utmost, valuable! Her maternal duties she fulfilled with the enlightened spirit, and more, perhaps, than the sensibility, of a Cornelia. They could only be equalled by the unceasing assiduities, the soothing tenderness, the sweet, pious, and filial regard which accompanied her to her last hour;—but sorrow is sacred, and the writer forbears.

“Ireland will long have cause to regret her. She cultivated its best interests. To the gentry she displayed an example of attachment to the country which they might well have imitated; to the peasantry, of all descriptions, she was a guardian friend; to every illiberal party distinction, whether arising from a false zeal for the state or religion, she was an unprejudiced, enlightened opponent.

“In Lady Moira’s character were combined the bounty and beneficence suitable to her noble birth and elevated rank in society, with all the tender traits of humanity and the amiable graces of her sex. To strong natural powers of understanding she added a refined taste, formed upon the best principles, and cultivated in an eminent degree. After the death of her brother Francis, the tenth Earl, and the consequent abeyance into which the title was suffered to fall, her Ladyship, then the only representative of the family, being the last direct descendant of that line, with a sense of impartial justice, and a disinterested spirit of inquiry, every way honourable to her, exerted her best endeavours to trace out and rectify the neglected and confused pedigree of the collateral branches, in order to ascertain the rightful inheritors of the earldom of Huntingdon. The result of her inquiries was completely correct and satisfactory

upon the point, as will be seen by her valuable letter on the subject to her kinsman Mr. Dean Hastings.* From her benevolent heart and bounteous spirit want ever found relief, adversity consolation, and distressed and unfriended talents protection. Under this last point of view, her Ladyship's patronage of the unfortunate Dermody deserves mention, as exhibiting her character in a truly amiable light."†

LETTERS

FROM THE COUNTESS OF MOIRA TO BISHOP PERCY.

" Moira House, Dublin, May 20, 1782.

" The Bishop of Dromore must excuse Lady Moira for troubling his Lordship with those dates she threatened him with, for invalidating the only good thing his Lordship was candid enough to acknowledge he had ever heard of the first Henry Tudor. Though she avows the most historic candour to guide her pen, yet she allows so much of the old leaven of true Yorkist antipathy to prevail in her breast, that she acknowledges she should feel a satisfaction in destroying a single meritorious idea that his Lordship might entertain of a Tudor. For which purpose, Lady Moira desires his Lordship to consider, that when that dubious personage, now universally called Perkin Warbeck, was to be sacrificed by the Scotch monarch to his kinsman (by the line of John of Gaunt and Catherine Swinford) the English King, a marriage was

* Hereafter printed in this volume, p. 19.

† See Mr. Bell's "Huntingdon Peerage," p. 147, where Lady Moira's generous conduct towards Dermody is fully detailed, with two interesting letters to the unfortunate youth, whom she had placed under the care of the Rev. H. Boyd, the translator of Dante. Also a printed Ode, and another poem, addressed to the Countess by Dermody. These will also be found in Mr. Raymond's life of Dermody prefixed to his Works.

projected; Margaret, who was born in 1489, was sent into Scotland in 1503, in the fourteenth year of her age; Mary Tudor was born in 1498, and, being at that period but five years old, it is not probable she should be a competitor with her sister for even a royal husband. Louis the Twelfth came to the crown of France in 1498, got divorced from the daughter of Louis the Eleventh, and married Anne of Bretagne, widow of his predecessor, within the year, or soon after; therefore at the time Margaret was married into Scotland there could not be a prospect of a marriage with France, which did not take place till 1515; and Anne of Bretagne being several years younger than Louis the Twelfth, the probability was, that she should have survived him, and, without bestowing upon Henry Tudor a preternatural degree of penetration, his conduct in this marriage of his daughter with James the Fourth must be attributed to that source which produces often more successful events than the most refined policy, viz. mere chance.

“ In respect to the second point, to which Lady Moira, like a dutiful and affectionate niece, thought not proper to agree, she presents his Lordship with her reasons of dissent, grounded on argument. Lady Moira has never been able to meet with any account of the family of Sir Roger Halys, whose daughter Alice was married to Thomas of Brotherton (eldest son of Edward the First by his second wife Margaret of France), but is persuaded that Alice brought to her husband the rights and claims that were held by the Bigod Earls of Norfolk; and the daughter of Thomas Brotherton was Countess of Norfolk, and at the coronation of Richard the Second did exhibit her petition for the Marshalship of England, to be executed by her deputy; which proves the title and claims went by female descent. Elizabeth her daughter was married to Lord Mowbray, whose son on the death of his grandmother was Earl of Norfolk and Earl Marshal of England. Anne Mowbray, daughter and heiress of John Mowbray, third Duke of that family, was married to Richard Duke of York, second son of Edward the Fourth. Upon his being affianced to this lady he had the titles of Earl of Nottingham and Warren and Duke of Norfolk conferred on him; but, in whatever manner the form might be, she does conclude it was according to the established rule used on a man's becoming possessed of a title *in jure uxoris*, when some

form of creation and acknowledgment passed the offices to give him due right over her lands and vassals. If the grant was made in that manner it became void by the death of the young heiress, which happened shortly after the celebration of their nuptials, the bridegroom not being five years of age, and the bride not much older, at the time of that ceremony. If the grant was made in consequence of an act of Parliament obtained which cut off the entail of the property, and turned the course of honour from the house of Howard, it was a tyrannical and unjust deed, which justice demanded to be cancelled. If, according to the common practice of those days, Prince Richard's claims ended with the life of Lady Anne Mowbray, King Richard but permitted justice to be fulfilled. Edward the Fourth, where his interest was engaged, has in another instance shown that he was not attentive to the claims of others. Elizabeth, seventh daughter of Edward the First, married Humphry de Bohun, Earl of Hereford, Essex, &c. Constable of England; their great-grandson had two daughters,

Eleanor de Bohun, eldest daughter, married Thomas of Woodstock, Duke of Gloucester.

Mary, younger sister, was the first wife of Henry IV.

Edmond 5th Earl of Stafford = Anne Plantagenet.

Henry V.

Humphrey Duke of Buckingham.

Henry VI.

Humphrey Earl Stafford.

Henry Duke of Buckingham.

Half of the immense possessions of Bohun Earl of Hereford had fallen to the crown when Henry the Fourth seized it; but on the death of Henry the Sixth they ought to have reverted to Henry Duke of Buckingham. Nevertheless (though that Duke was Edward's brother-in-law, having married Lady Katharine Woodville, the Queen's sister, and was most nearly related to him by his mother) he never would relinquish them. On Richard's coming to the throne, it appears he immediately gave them where they were due. Shakespear, amidst the falsehoods he delivers concerning that prince, makes the refusal of these possessions the foundation of Buckingham's quarrel with Richard; but that that is false is proved by record. Edward the Fourth also deprived his cousin, Lord George

Neville, son of the Marquess Montagu, of the dukedom of Bedford, under pretence that he was not sufficiently rich to maintain that dignity. Richard restored him to that rank which his brother had unjustly divested him of; and his conduct towards the house of Howard, being a point of equal justice with those already mentioned, cannot be admitted as a proof that Richard Duke of York was then dead. It can only be admitted as a proof that, if he bore the titles after the death of his wife, it was adjudged to be the right of the Lord Howard to bear them, and not that of the widower of Lady Anne Mowbray, Duchess of Norfolk, &c.

“As Lady Moira writes only from a very few papers she happens to have in town, and from memory, she cannot be as diffusive in instances of those who bore for a transient space the titles of the heiresses they married as she wishes, and as may seem requisite to illustrate her sentiments concerning the last point in question.”

“Moira House, Dublin, June 9th, 1782.

“Lady Moira’s compliments to the Bishop of Dromore, and returns him many thanks for his Lordship’s very obliging remembrance of her; the pedigree she shall lay up with great care, and preserve with particular regard, as having been an employment of a leisure hour of his Lordship. Dugdale has chosen to give a pedigree of her family as he has thought proper, and has contradicted himself to make it according to his pleasure; Gwillim has given it from its right origin; the son by a second wife (Lady Isabella Despenser, daughter of the elder favourite the Earl of Winchester) of John Lord Hastings and Abergavenny, was the ancestor that Dugdale makes an unknown Thomas, between whose death and a father’s he has given him, called Hugh, he has placed a period of a hundred years. The old barony of Hastings was adjudged, on the failure of the male line of the eldest branch (who became Earls of Pembroke by John Lord Hastings’s first marriage with Isabella of Valence), to the descendants of the female of the whole blood, in preference to the male line of the half blood; and, after a long and expensive suit in the Earl Marshal’s Court, the title was given to the De Greys, and borne by the Earl of Kent, though now carried again out of that family by a female; and the

Hastings' descended from the second bed, were ordered to carry a difference in their arms, importing they were not the chief branch, on which they unblazoned their arms, retaining however their liveries, which marked the old blazon. Ralph (who was then heir of that line), in spite of the Earl Marshal's decree, assumed the title of Lord Hastings, and is mentioned as such by all the old historians, and in one of Shakespear's plays of Henry the Fourth (Mr. Hume has untitled him, why it cannot easily be guessed); this dissatisfied Lord united himself, to gain redress, to Lord Percy's interest, and being taken prisoner was beheaded. It was *his* nephew who was King Edward the Fourth's favourite, and as the Greys betrayed Henry the Sixth, and made their terms for it, a new creation of the same title was the only favour Lord Hastings obtained; but as Elizabeth favoured the Greys, and the Earl of Kent married one of her sisters, the quarrels and dislike that subsisted between William Lord Hastings and the Queen and her kindred were unextinguishable.

"Lady Moira flatters herself with being able to acquire much information from the Bishop of Dromore, in a pursuit she has a natural inclination to follow, and in which she has found many hours of amusement, though in the course of her residence in Ireland she scarcely ever met with any person who had a similar turn. When the Bishop of Dromore is so obliging to favour them with his company in the North, Lady Moira will show his Lordship several memorandums she has taken out relative to genealogical inquiries. Lady Moira wrote out a few pages on the subject of the debate that passed between his Lordship and her, but wished to have written them out again; as she has not leisure to do it to-day, and wishes to acknowledge her sense of his Lordship's attention as soon as possible, she sends them as they are, and, as she allows for his Lordship's being a Lancastrian, she hopes his Lordship will give her equal permission as a Yorkist."

"Montalto, Aug. 16th, 1783.

"I hope your Lordship is persuaded that all this family have been excessively mortified in not being able to wait on your Lordship and Mrs. and Miss Percy; after the very obliging proof you gave of coinciding with our wishes to be friendly neighbours, the apparent neglect

on our part hurts me to consider; but, in short, my Lord, this season of electioneering has engrossed the time and thoughts of most people, and I have been really so much agitated by that going on in Longford county, that my health has been affected by it. The scurrility that your Lordship must have beheld a sample of, though a very slight one to what exists, proves that every attempt will be made, however base, against my friends.

"Mrs. Stewart is beneath my roof waiting the event of her husband's fate,* who from the absurdity of the multitude I much fear will not succeed in his plan for again being a representative of this county. My youngest daughter having been ill of a fever, added domestic to public anxieties; she is now recovered, and the gleam of satisfaction *that* has conveyed, reminds me of my inattentions to your Lordship and your family; but as my heart is capable of being deeply interested, and that my nerves are severely torn by any anxiety of mind, proceeding from that source, I am not able to be a visitant during such a period, becoming too languid to show even the duties of politeness, to which I should wish to add, beneath your Lordship's roof, a testimony of being, with great regard, the friend of all your Lordship's family, and with great esteem, my Lord, your Lordship's obliged and faithful humble servant,

E. MOIRA."

"MY LORD,

Montalto, Ballynahinch, Oct. 20, 1783.

"To a mind that admits there is an inconceivable pleasure in summoning 'the glad tear that flows in the warm eye of Gratitude,' there must be an awkwardness in soliciting the favour which is to produce that effect. To smooth the ruggedness of application, allow me to assure your Lordship, that I reflect upon obligations you may owe, promises you may have made, and solicitations you esteem, better founded than mine; I do not attack your bounty, I solely ask it. Mr. Blacker, I find, is to quit Moira, for a benefice in the diocese of Raphoe. To Lord Moira it would be pleasing to have a friend situated in that living; to Lord Rawdon,† who never will reside in

* Robert Stewart, Esq., afterwards the first Marquess of Londonderry, was M.P. for the county of Down. His wife here mentioned was Frances, daughter of the Lord Chancellor Camden.

† The writer's son, afterwards Marquess of Hastings.

Ireland, consequential to his interest. There is one circumstance that gives me a little degree of assurance in my address, which is, that the inferior clergy in England, being certainly a less polished set than those in Ireland, are attached to their own manners and method of living; which the Rector of Segoe (between ourselves, my Lord,) practising in this kingdom, occasioned much discourse, when I lived in that part of the world. I am certain that any English person, whose ambition was humble (for English benefices your Lordship knows are in general very small), and who did not choose to come to Ireland, I could get provided for in Leicestershire or Yorkshire by Lord Rawdon's means; Lord Huntingdon, who has the presentation to schools and livings of nineteen incumbencies, consulting with him, and indulging him with the disposal of them: and, in consequence of Lord Rawdon's telling me that he would make an application of that kind to Lord Huntingdon, I think myself authorised to mention it, concluding there is no impropriety in doing so; if there is, will your Lordship reflect how ignorant I am in ecclesiastical matters? and that Archbishop Cobbe (Lord Moira's stepfather) having exchanged in that manner for a friend with another prelate, that archiepiscopal transaction may have drawn me into an error.

"I have heard to-day (merely as a report), that the Duke of Richmond charges the Committee of Correspondence with having published his Letter to them falsely and unfairly, in regard to alterations they have made in it. If it is so, and gets round, I conclude the Committee will say something for themselves; but I defer my credence till to-morrow, when we expect our gentlemen to return fraught with intelligence.

"I hope Mrs. Percy and the young ladies did not suffer by their jaunt. All my family are abroad, and I have therefore only my compliments to offer. Anne is well enough to venture out an airing, which, though it fatigues her at present, I hope will re-establish her health.

"That your Lordship must be solicited and teased, like a prime minister, on vacancies, you must have been prepared for. It would have gratified me much more, had I been able to have indulged myself merely in the satisfaction of your Lordship's society and conversation; but friends, like all other excellencies, are not inseparable from inconveniences; and you must have frequently ex-

perienced, my Lord, that one does more for friends than one would do for oneself; and, in fact, it is doing a prodigious deal, when one asks a favour without the least right or pretension to expect one. However your Lordship determines, you may be assured that I shall equally remain your Lordship's very humble servant, E. MOIRA.

"Your Lordship I know will have pleasure to learn that our dear friend (for such she is throughout this house) Mrs. Stewart is perfectly recovered. I intended to have sent the Northumberland Household Book with this, had not Lord Moira taken the keys of the case it is in."

Earl of MOIRA to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Dublin, April 2, 1785.

"There has been for some time an idea of instituting a society * in this kingdom similar to the Royal Society in London, also intending to include the Antiquarians. They are to be elected by ballot, and to have a President and Council, &c. and to subscribe two guineas a year, or to fine it down by paying twenty guineas. The President and Council are to be elected the 1st of May. I am desired to write to your Lordship, to know whether you would do them the honour to become one of the original members and patrons of this institution. I hear Lord Charlemont is to be proposed as President.

"Sheridan has published a 'Life of Swift;' I think a poor performance. He has treated the Duchess of Somerset, I presume, impertinently. Of this you will be a better judge when you see it. It is printed here.

"I hear from London that the Propositions will come back here, but exceedingly altered; if so, the Duke of Rutland will leave us; he is now extremely popular and much beloved.

"I beg leave to present my respects to Mrs. and Miss Percy, and remain, with great regard, your Lordship's most obedient humble servant,
MOIRA."

Countess of MOIRA to Bishop PERCY.

"Montalto, Monday evening.

"Lady Moira feels ashamed that she has not before this returned Lord Moira's thanks and her own to the Bishop of Dromore, for his book of Royal Cookery.

* The Royal Irish Academy.

Lord Moira indeed has not studied that work as much as his Lordship's other friend has done, who is one of those infected with the strange curiosity of feeling interested about every trifle in a stronger degree for every century removed in which they were transacted. She has found out a most incomparable bread sauce in a list of curry, to be eaten either hot or cold. It is to be adopted into the Moira cookery, and styled *sauce royal*. There also seems a method of dressing roast pork, which is to be tried.

"Lady Moira would have returned the set of the Byzantine Historians before this, but gave them a second reading, esteeming them excessively curious in themselves, both as historical relations, and giving an insight into the manners and opinions of the times they were written in, and also as a proper preparation for the latter part of Gibbon's History, which she supposes is to follow what he has already bestowed upon the public. One point likewise interested Lady Moira to carefully peruse them, which was to endeavour to find out who was the first possessor of 'Clarence,' a part of the ancient territories of the Lacedemonians, and which is the spot that gave the title of Duke to three Plantagenet princes, falsely supposed to have taken their title from Clare, which never was erected into a duchy.* It was by Philippa of Hainault that the English made a claim to that territory. But Lady Moira cannot find how Ville-Hardouin, styled Prince of Achaia, became possessed of it. She has met with but one paragraph in the Byzantine Historians relative to Clarence, and that noways informing concerning its possessors. Lady Moira will take care to bring up the books she has of the Bishop's to Dublin (unless he wishes to have them before), because she will then be able to have the pleasure of conversing them over with the Bishop. Lady Moira is more grieved than surprised at the effects of the damp of this northern climate on his family; those who have been long accustomed to it, as her family have been, have found it very trying, and all were indisposed at different times. Lady Moira does not doubt but that the Bishop laments the appearances of dissension which

* This hypothesis, it is believed, is without foundation. Lionel of Antwerp, younger son of King Edward the Third, had given him in marriage the heiress of the Clares, Earls of Hertford and Gloucester, and thus the title of Clarence came to the royal family. See Nicolas's Synopsis of the Peerage, *tit.* Clare and Clarence.

now revel in England; many were persuaded that, when that abated, Lord Percy would come over Viceroy to this kingdom; his Lordship's military knowledge, as well as political abilities, causing him to be esteemed as the most probable person to fill that dignity.

"Lord Moira, Lady Anne, and Lady Charlotte Rawdon request that their best compliments may be made acceptable to the Bishop of Dromore and Mrs. and Miss Percys, and Lady Moira intreats the ladies to accept of hers.

"MY LORD,

Montalto, March 31, 1786.

"I take the liberty of making you a request, in consequence of your Lordship's sway over the territory of Dromore. Mr. Claggett (though I allow him a salary for accompanying Lady Charlotte with the violin sufficient to have supported him genteelly) has had the misfortune, like many other worthy personages, not to have practised strict economy, and came to me much in debt. His creditors applying to me, I, at his desire, agreed to the two-thirds of what I paid monthly to him going towards the discharge of what he owed. This diminution of his income obliges him to an exertion of some further industry to maintain his wife and child; and, though he teaches the harpsichord, violin, guitar, and flute, he meets with no musical souls in his present circle who wish for such instruction. He therefore intends to re-assume the profession he was bred to, and which has proved at other times of like distress a lucrative source. In short, he wishes to attend at Dromore to teach dancing, if your Lordship has no objection to his exercising his talents in that way in your Lordship's town, and that your Lordship will permit him to hold his school in the Market-house of the said city. Whether he can lead the inhabitants thereof to sacrifice to the Graces I shall not pretend to determine, as it depends on the consent of mutual abilities. If excellence in the performance of a hornpipe is an offering to be placed on their altar, Mr. Claggett may introduce some personages to the shrine of these deities. This I assert merely from report, for I own myself ignorant as to the merits of his feet, he only having been employed beneath my roof to teach the guitar and accompany on the violin. His prices for dancing are better calculated to gain emolument than fame, from their mode-

ration; but his skill in instruction being offered at so cheap a rate he has found encouragement, if your Lordship gives permission. His great-uncle was a Bishop of Exeter* (I think, at least, an English Bishop), and his father a clergyman, who was ruined by his passion for music, and left nothing to his children except that science to gain their bread by. Mr. Claggett is the bearer of this letter to your Lordship, and will, with some degree of tremour, await, my Lord, your decision. He had got about fourteen scholars at Saintfield, which had placed him at the pinnacle of felicity; but Mr. Price would not allow his teaching in that town.

"We have been all in this house enraged, though not surprised, at Fitz-Gibbon's† treatment of Bishop Law.‡ I wish I had been a Member of the House on that occasion, how aptly could I have introduced the Persian story of 'Well! everything partakes of its origin.' Such abuse and scurrility against a person who, from profession and station, could not duly resent it, is so flagrant a proof of a mean, base heart and soul, that it must produce ideas in every individual's mind that will not fail to amply gratify the insulted prelate.

"We have expected Mrs. Stewart with us all this week, but flatter ourselves, though she has been prevented by indisposition, that we shall see her this day. Lady Charlotte and my cousins intend themselves the pleasure of waiting on the Misses Percy after our amiable guest shall have left us, for we now reckon on fine weather. A good deal of summer sun must have shone before I venture into the open air, and hope, therefore, Mrs. Percy will, for some time, excuse me.

"I shall return your Lordship's books by Lady Charlotte. Folios, from the complaint in my eyes, are tedious reading to me; and I also have made some memorandums from them. I find that the Hastings of Worcestershire appears to be of the line of the whole blood of my brother's family; and consequently, that Governor Hastings, whose family is of Worcestershire, is related to us. Lord Moira has not been well, having had a bad cold for some time

* Nicholas Claggett, Dean of Rochester, elected Bishop of St. David's 1731, translated to Exeter 1743, died 1746. See *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. I. p. 338; vol. VII. pp. 79, 536.

† John Fitzgibbon, Esq. M.P. for the University of Dublin, afterwards Lord Chancellor of Ireland, and created Earl of Clare in 1795.

‡ Dr. John Law. See vol. VII. p. 703.

past. He is gone out an airing, and Charlotte with him, and her cousins also, which only permits my presenting my best compliments to Mrs. Percy and the Misses Percy, and entreat your Lordship to believe me, your very faithful and obedient humble servant,
E. MOIRA."

" Moira House, Sunday evening.

" Lord and Lady Moira's compliments to the Bishop of Dromore, and learn with much concern by his Lordship's note that his Lordship has been ill; as also that he so immediately sets out for their part of Ireland which sounds better than the mountains they inhabit in their country residence. They both have been very ill with the influenza, and are prisoners with it still. Lord Moira ventured out to take the air to-day, but Lady Moira is totally confined, and is far from being sensible that the complaint abates. They are apprehensive that his Lordship's stay will be short in the North, and that it is the road he intends taking to England; and they are such invalids that they are quite uncertain when their health will permit them to leave town. An unaired house, with scarcely any servants, is an offer that could not promise acceptance; and therefore Lord Moira must confine his request, that his Lordship will remember his agreement of spending his leisure time with them at Montalto, if Lord Moira can get down before the Bishop leaves Ireland."

" Moira House, July 12, 1788.

" From that honour to which your Lordship makes appeal, I certainly feel myself engaged to answer your letter, my Lord, in the most explicit manner I am able. But that must lead me to desire your Lordship to recollect, that your Lordship never having favoured me with the slightest discourse upon the point in question, all that I can assert respecting what passed in Ireland I learnt from incidental hearsay; from which I understand that upon your Lordship's being applied to for Tullylish for Lord Moira's chaplain, the answer was that you were engaged for the first vacancy to Mr. Williams; but that if an exchange of ecclesiastical preferment could be obtained for that gentleman in England, you could, by his relinquishing the promise, become at liberty to indulge Lord Moira's wishes. I also understood, that, to effect

that purpose, your Lordship had suggested, that you apprehended an application from Lord Rawdon to the Lord Chancellor for a future presentation, or to Lord Huntingdon, who has so extensive a lay patronage, might settle that point (your Lordship, in the first instance, supposing, what many did, I conclude, that Lord Thurlow was Lord Rawdon's friend). It is very difficult for any person to decide for another (without the most intimate acquaintance with them) how they should or would act. I well know that Lord Rawdon would not apply to Lord Thurlow; and, after Lord Huntingdon's having so frequently in public declared that he had destined Lord Rawdon to be his heir, I was convinced that nothing would be more disagreeable to him than a solicitation of slight favours, when so essential a one was known to have been so publicly expressed. On that matter, however, I can easily conceive that your Lordship's sentiments and mine might differ. Yet the wish to please Lord Moira, and be serviceable to his friend, left me convinced that Lord Rawdon would take care to ensure an equivalent to Mr. Williams, which could only be done by a promise whilst an incumbent was living; and when that was settled, I understood the exchange took place; and as both Irish and English ecclesiastics are often so much attached to a residence on their respective native soils, and that such exchanges so frequently take place, I did then, as I do now, look upon it as a common occurrence. As the incumbent on the living to which Mr. Williams is to succeed is yet alive, Lord Rawdon, from a generosity of nature, which he so amply and properly possesses, imagined that a delay to immediate advancement might produce disappointment and discontent to Mr. Williams, and lest he should become the cause of either to a deserving person, from having interested himself for the welfare of another, he certainly did desire his acceptance of a trifle, till he entered upon the provision he had destined for him; and Lord Rawdon, as an English peer, has undoubtedly a right to nominate a chaplain, and he to offer and the other to accept of any gratuity he chose to allow, without the minutest deviation from any rule whatever; and that your Lordship was totally ignorant of any such intention on the part of Lord Rawdon I do not only confidently affirm, but assert it was an impossibility that it could be

otherwise, for he is not a person to parade even the intention of a genteel action (and the one alluded to does not merit more than that title); and I am convinced that the generality of the world will agree with me, that in any transaction with Lord Rawdon there is not a possibility that a person engaged with him in that transaction can run the hazard, on their part, of doing an improper deed. Narrow minds, who are incapable of acting as he does, may misconstrue his actions, and envious ones may malign them; but the liberal and candid, the sensible and the just, will ever duly estimate his merits. As to the matter which disquiets your Lordship, I look upon it merely in the light of that humorous story of Smollett's of the three black crows, and one so perpetually retold in daily occurrences under various forms, and am as confident that your Lordship has been as free from any episcopal impropriety, and Lord Rawdon as devoid of any like error, as the hero of that tale was from having a rookery in his stomach. Your Lordship may be convinced, that I shall relate the fact as it really is, if mentioned to me, but your Lordship's letter was the first mention I heard of it. I never did relate before Mr. Williams having received any attention from Lord Rawdon, because I should never thus seem to undervalue my son by an appearance of wonder at his having acted generously upon any occasion, and I know that he has too much delicacy to parade an act of liberality; but I am summoned by your Lordship to give a detail that obliges me to state even domestic circumstances, which else would have been secluded from public notice, and confined where they ought to dwell, in the bosom of friendship. For my part, from experience, I have attained so much indifference for ill-founded censure, which is in the power of every spiteful individual to propagate, and am so thoroughly convinced that, with the sensible and worthy, general character will quickly eradicate its transient baneful harvest, that the passing such matters unheeded and unnoticed, which mortify for the moment but can have no after influence, is adopted as the conduct of her who is your Lordship's obedient humble servant,

“ E. MOIRA.

“ I should not have omitted a single post acknowledging your Lordship's letter, but, as I was sitting down to

write, a relation of Lord Ailesbury's brought letters to us from England, and I could not finish my letter that post, as he passed the day with us."

The Countess of MOIRA to Dean HASTINGS.*

" Castle Forbes, Longford, April 18, 1803.

" I take, Sir, an early opportunity to acknowledge the favour of your letter, and to answer those particulars it contains for your information as you have therein desired; but, first, let me mention, that I regret it is so long since I had the pleasure of seeing you, being always happy to see any of my relations, and retaining for my excellent friend and kinsman, the late Archdeacon Hastings, the most attached friendship and cordial remembrance.

" As to the branch of your family, long since and before there was the most distant prospect of my becoming the representative of the family, I had discoursed upon that subject, as to the time at which his ancestors settled in this kingdom, with a Mr. John Hastings (your uncle, I believe), who promised me some memorandums; but he died of a fever, and the Archdeacon, his brother, said the memorandums he was preparing were lost.

" I recollect he told me that the first of his family who came over was in the reign of King James the First, and was a bishop; but I have never been able to discover in what diocese; and he might have been appointed and yet not live to take possession of that appointment. That he came over to Ireland I thus account for. Lady Dorothy Hastings married Sir Richard Devereux, who died in the life-time of his father, then styled Lord Ferrars of Chartley, and whose eldest son, by that lady, was Walter Devereux, first Earl of Essex, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, who died (as it was supposed, poisoned) in that station. Francis Hastings, Earl of Huntingdon,† brother to Lady Dorothy, had several sons, of whom Henry succeeded him, and died without issue; then George, who continued the line of Earls till my late brother's day. Edward‡ was the third son, and he married Barbara Devereux, his cousin, daughter of a younger son of Lady Dorothy Hastings and Sir Richard Devereux. Edward left a

* Of Newtownbutler, Ireland.

† Second Earl.

‡ Ancestor of the present Earl.

numerous issue; and thus—during the power of the favourite Earl of Essex, or during that of Blount, Lord Mountjoy, Earl of Devonshire, who was married to Lady Penelope Devereux, sister to that Earl of Essex, and the divorced wife of Lord Rich, afterwards Earl of Warwick of that name—that the near relations of the Devereux family should be brought over to Ireland, and induced to settle therein, is most probable. My friend the Arch-deacon told me, that an uncle of his was stationed in some government in the East Indies; and there is now in the family a writing-box of cedar, inlaid with ivory and ebony, with the family arms, which was sent over to my aunt, Lady Elizabeth Hastings, in the beginning of the last century, from such a person; and I was once in company (full fifty years ago) with a person, who mentioned having been at a place where he was stationed to govern; and, though he has been long dead, his memory there still remained idolized for worth, humanity, and every virtue a mortal could possess.

“My grandfather Theophilus, Earl of Huntingdon, raised a regiment, and made his then nearest relation the Lieutenant-Colonel of it. This person behaved with the greatest baseness and treachery towards his benefactor. My grandfather had kept faithful to his sovereign King James, who, when his Queen was on the point of being brought to bed of her last child at St. Germain’s, wrote letters to several of the first people in England to come over to France and attend the birth of the child, to disprove the currently propagated lie of the warming-pan story.* Lord Huntingdon, upon receiving his letter, sent

* The following curious affidavit of Theophilus, seventh Earl of Huntingdon, has reference to the story to which her Ladyship here alludes:

“Upon Trinity Sunday, the 10th of June 1688, I went to St. James’s house about nine o’clock in the morning, and followed my Lord Chancellor through the lodgings to the dressing-room next to the Queen’s bedchamber, where divers Lords of the Council were met upon occasion of the Queen’s being in labour. The King came several times into the room, and amongst other things was pleased to tell us, ‘That the Queen came exactly according to her first reckoning,’ which was from the King’s return from his progress to Bath in September 1687. After this the Councillors were ordered to come into the bed-chamber, and as I stood on that side of the bed that had the curtains drawn open I heard her majesty cry out several times. I staid in the room during the birth of the Prince of Wales. I saw him carried into the little bed-chamber, whither the King, the Lords, and myself in particular, did follow him.

“HUNTINGDON.”

it, as soon as the then dilatory posts allowed, up to Court, not displeased at such a contradictory proof of their assertions. But the letter had been opened in the post office; and Lieutenant-Colonel Hastings proffered to go down and arrest him, as, in a country where my grandfather was much beloved, and one where the people were much attached to King James, it might occasion insurrection. This he performed with an insolence equal to his secret perfidy, and carried off his prisoner to the Tower of London. He was requited with the regiment my grandfather had raised, but all the officers, except one Ensign, threw up their commissions, for they consisted of friends or relations. In a very short space, however, afterwards, this Colonel Hastings was broke, by a vote of the House of Commons, for peculation and malversation in the conduct of that regiment. He had married a daughter of Coote, Lord Colooney, and hid himself in Ireland, supported there by party spirit, which ever sanctifies all actions that its partizans perform. He had one daughter, who ran away with the Ensign who had approved of her father's conduct, and whose name was also Hastings, and from that marriage the Hastings' in the county of Limerick are descended.

"A gentleman,* who holds a living on my son's estate, is most undoubtedly the next heir to the Earldom. He was educated for the Church by Mr. Wheler, who was son to the famous traveller Sir George Wheler, and married to one of my aunts. This person, my father's godson, and even older than I am, never married. His brother was educated with a younger brother of mine, and then went from serving in a marching regiment into the Guards; and, though obliged, in consequence of ill-health, to sell out of the army himself, he has several sons in the army and navy.

"The claims of this branch were acknowledged by my father and all my family, and the proofs were delivered to my late brother Francis, last Earl of Huntingdon. But they are not able to bring forward any claim, and I am in no way able to assist them, though convinced of their just right. They are the descendants, it is said, of Edward Hastings and Barbara Devereux; but I never saw the statement of their claim. My aunt, Lady Anne Hastings,

* The Reverend Theophilus Hastings, uncle to Hans Francis Earl of Huntingdon.

however, told me, she had given the proofs to my deceased brother, and my father always assented to their having the claim of presumptive heirs. There were a Francis and a Walter Hastings, two younger sons, who both left numerous issue; they were the younger brothers of Edward Hastings. The descendants of Walter I was well acquainted with. The grandfather of the line of that race was first Captain in my grandfather's regiment, and was one of those who threw up their commission sooner than serve under the man who had behaved to his relation and benefactor as the Lieutenant-Colonel had done. He lived with my grandfather till the time of his death. His wife (a woman of very good family, who was related to my grandmother, and was her companion) had married him for love, and being a woman of an independent spirit, after my grandfather's death, wanted her husband to go into business. As he would not consent to this, she undertook that task herself, and thereby brought up and educated a large family. Her eldest son she put into the army; another in the law; and others into trade; all behaving respectably, and succeeding in their different pursuits, except one dying at an early period. The son of her eldest son pretended to the heirship, and getting amongst the Methodists, and supposing that my mother, the late Lady Huntingdon, would support him on that account, he attempted to set up a claim to the title.

"I have seen a small Methodist publication, intitled, 'The Godly End and Dying Words of George Lord Hastings.' Some of his family applied to me to support this claim by my evidence. I informed them I wished well to that branch, more so than to that of the true claimants; but my information would go to show, that they could not have any manner of right, till it was first proved that all the descendants of Edward Hastings and Francis Hastings, fourth and fifth sons of Francis, second Earl of Huntingdon, were extinct; the eldest son, named William, supposed to have died young.

"Writing, from that lassitude which advanced life always produces, and from the additional impediment of being subject to a complaint in my eyes, must stand as an excuse for my pen being so incapable, as it appears to be in these lines, to deliver the memorandums I have committed to paper. Since I have become the representative of that ancient race from which I descend, I have

engaged myself in researches respecting it, founded upon the additional knowledge I before possessed. The original arms of the family were, A field or, maunch gules. In the reign of Henry the Fourth, in consequence, as they thought, of an unjust decision in the Earl Marshal's Court, refusing to bear the mark of a degree of inferiority assigned to them, they emblazoned their arms, but tenaciously retained the colours of them in their liveries till my father's days, and preserved the history of their reasons for doing so. I give no liveries, that I may not appear to relinquish them, the liveries being anciently always the blazon of arms.

"As thirty years are allowed, one with another, for the courses of descent, the already-mentioned Governor Hastings (I think his name was Thomas) might be grandson to Edward Hastings and Barbara Devereux, and, consequently, great-grandson of Francis, Earl of Huntingdon."

"In the line of Edward Hastings, the claim to the title, without doubt, now rests; and I have no doubt, from all that I have heard affirmed by my father and aunts, that the clergyman, Mr. Theophilus Hastings, is the heir to the title, and after him his brother, and that brother's children are presumptive heirs. By this time having wearied you with a tedious detail, I shall only express my hopes of the pleasure of seeing you when you may chance to come to Dublin, and when I return to my residence there. But at my age, and the hereditary disposition to sudden dissolution, I esteem the tenure of my existence of a very precarious nature. I request my best remembrances to your daughter, whom I have the pleasure of being acquainted with, and my compliments to Mrs. Hastings, and the rest of your family; and remain, Sir, your faithful, humble servant and kinswoman,

"E. MOIRA, HASTINGS, &c. &c."

(The Affidavit.)

"County of } Anthony Hastings, Rector of Kilmacrenan,
Donegal. } in said county, came this day before me,
one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for said county,
and made oath on the Holy Evangelists, that the above
letter was written by the late Countess of Moira to his
father, the present Dean Hastings, of Newtownbutler, in
the county of Fermanagh.

"Sworn before me this 28th of November 1817,

"JOHN COCHRAN."

"ANTHONY HASTINGS."

MEMOIR
OF
ANDREW CALDWELL, ESQ.

ANDREW Caldwell, of Rutland-square, Dublin, was the eldest son of Charles Caldwell, Esq. an eminent solicitor, and was born in the year 1732. He received part of his education in one of the Universities of Scotland; from whence he removed to London; and, after a residence of about five years at the Temple, returned to Dublin, where he was admitted to the Bar in 1760; but, his father being possessed of a good estate, fully adequate to his son's wishes, he never paid much attention to the profession of the law, and for several years before his death had entirely quitted it. His literary and studious disposition, and his love of the fine arts, for many of which he had an excellent taste, always afforded him sufficient employment; nor was he content with a cold admiration, but was a liberal patron and encourager of all those who excelled in any of the various branches of art. He had studied architecture with particular attention; and about the year 1770 published anonymously some very judicious Observations on the Public Buildings of Dublin, and on some edifices which at that time were in contemplation, and about to be erected in that city at the expense of the State. The only other known production of his pen that has been published, is a very curious "Account of the extraordinary Escape of James Stuart, Esq. (commonly called ATHENIAN Stuart,) from being put to death by some Turks, in whose company he happened to be travelling;" the substance of which had been communicated to Mr. Caldwell by Dr.

Percy, Bishop of Dromore, as related to his Lordship by Stuart himself. Of this narrative, only a small number was printed, with corrections by Mr. Malone, at London, in 1804, for the use of Mr. Caldwell's friends. Mr. Caldwell's love of literature naturally led him to collect an ample library, which contained many curious articles, and was particularly rich in botany and natural history. It would be great injustice to this worthy and amiable man not to add, that his manners were gentle and pleasing; and that, as his benevolence and other virtues made him generally respected through life, so his urbanity, various knowledge, and cultivated taste, extremely endeared him to the circle of his friends. He died at the house of his nephew, Major-General Cockburn, near Bray, in the county of Wicklow, on the 2d of July, 1808, in the 76th year of his age, after an illness of about three months' duration. Having never married, his estate devolved in succession on his brothers, Charles Caldwell, of Liverpool, Esq., and Admiral, afterwards Sir Benjamin, Caldwell, one of the heroes under Earl Howe, in the glorious First of June, 1794.*

EXTRACTS FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE

BETWEEN BP. PERCY AND ANDREW CALDWELL, ESQ.

ANDREW CALDWELL, Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, London, Tuesday 16th Sept. 1800.

"I arrived in London about four days ago. It was my misfortune to lose this extraordinary fine summer in Cavendish Row; we are so seldom treated with a southern climate, that not to enjoy it in the country was peculiarly unlucky.

* Sir Benjamin Caldwell died in Nov. 1820, in his 83d year. See an account of his naval services in *Gent. Mag.* vol. XC. ii. 565.

"I dined with Malone on Sunday : we were speaking of your Lordship with pleasure, and could not help wishing you had been of the party, which was tête-à-tête. I had but just begun the *Life of Dryden*,* but got only through a few pages when I was obliged to come away. No writer I think ever took more pains to establish facts and detect errors : when he offers himself to the public it seems to be his aim to employ the utmost diligence of research, to be useful, and to merit favour ; he tells me, however, he does not escape, and has already been attacked† for the very circumstance that does him honour, and justifies a writer in coming forward to the public.

"I have lately read the works of Burns the Scotch poet : I must own his Doric muse gives me great pleasure ; his letters often display a critical taste and such information as is surprising under so many disadvantages as he was subject to by birth and station. Dr. Currie, as editor, has done himself great credit ; I am particularly pleased with his observations on the good effects of a certain degree of education for the lower class of people. Many persons of good sense are against that altogether ; I never could be convinced by them, and suspect the motives do no honour to their hearts.

"I saw Cooper Walker not long ago ; he was pretty well in health for him, and contrives to amuse himself with the project of a further work on Italian Tragedy.

"Perhaps the Union, by removing us further from the vortex of politics, may bring us nearer to the literary movements of the world ; if such be the consequence, I shall feel little regret.

"If your Lordship should have any commands here, I hope you will favour me with them ; please to direct to me at Admiral Caldwell's, Charles Street, Berkeley Square. I lodge, however, in Johnson's Court, Fleet Street, in the very house where dwelt thirty years Dr. Johnson. But, alas ! the walls do not repeat anecdotes ; it is, I must say, a horrid place, and I must soon change. Here lives a genius, one Mr. Luckombe,‡ he is a naturalist and antiquary ; that was the inducement.

"I am your Lordship's sincere friend and humble servant,

ANDREW CALDWELL."

* By Mr. Malone.

† By George Hardinge, esq. with some justice, more wit, and still more ill nature. See p. 39.

‡ See p. 31.

" MY DEAR LORD,

London, 24th Sept. 1800.

" Your letter, which I received yesterday, gave me infinite pleasure; I had been apprehensive you might have already set out for Ireland, and that there was but small chance of hearing from you soon. Your kind expressions about accompanying me to explore objects of curiosity in this vast repository, makes me repine at fate that deprived me of such rational enjoyment; we must hope to make up for it hereafter in conversation and recollection.

" I am thankful for the hints you have given me. Mr. Abbot I shall certainly visit. I should probably not have heard of him had it not been for your intimation.

" My friend Mr. Luckombe was born at Exeter, served his time to a printer there, and was afterwards a printer himself; he gave that up when he had been in the profession twelve years, and then entered one of the Colleges in Oxford. After going through the usual course, he came and settled in this town; he has ever since supported himself independently by working for booksellers; most of the editions of popular common books he has superintended and improved. The last edition of a large Geographical Dictionary, with the names of Sealey and Lyons, was in fact entirely new modelled by him, and prodigiously enlarged; it seems to be a good work, and I soon perceived many articles were much more correct than the famous Encyclopedists'. He has just published the Tablet of Memory, Compilations of Chronology, and magazines and memorandum books without number. He showed me a list of at least sixty great works that he has enlarged and amended for the booksellers. Every day brings in various sheets to be corrected. Industry of every species is sure to meet with encouragement and reward, in this vast assemblage of commerce and competition. His favourite pursuit was Conchology. This is the only extravagance he has indulged in; he has a fine collection of shells; they are now to be parted with, as from a difference between the man and woman of this house he must quit this residence. He is infinitely happier, and is sensible of that, than nine-tenths of the sons of affluence. Though his assiduity is incessant, yet the occupation is always varying, instructive, and amusing. He told me you and he had once some intercourse about a Mr. Huddleston

Wynne,* who had behaved ill to the late Duke of Northumberland.

“No news here except what we must all be sorry for, that war is likely to be continued. The papers mention that the yellow fever has been brought from the West Indies to Cadiz in Spain. I hope our Government will be vigilant and careful in time.

“I am your Lordship’s affectionate, humble servant,
“ANDREW CALDWELL.”

Bishop PERCY to ANDREW CALDWELL, Esq.

“DEAR SIR,

Near Northampton, Sept. 25, 1800.

“Though I cannot but regret the loss of the pleasant hours we should have passed together in London, yet I very much rejoice that we have had time to exchange a letter or two before we are separated by the Irish Channel. I set out next Monday, and in the interim you will, I hope, indulge me with a few lines more, which, if written on Saturday, will be received early on Sunday morning, and, if requisite, can even be answered before I go.

“Your account of Mr. Luckombe interests me much; I have probably been long edified and instructed by his various labours, without knowing to whom we were obliged, and should be glad to see the list of his sixty great works, and some clue to find out the other diurnal or monthly publications which are improved by his regular or occasional superintendence. You may send any packet for me post free, if you will carry or send it to the Admiralty to William Marsden, esq. Secretary to the Admiralty, with a label for him to direct it to ‘The Bishop of Dromore, Dromore, Ireland.’

“Your mention of Mr. Luckombe’s skill and taste in conchology may enable him to do me a favour, which I shall thankfully acknowledge. I had a relation † who had as great a passion for this kind of pursuit as could be indulged by a very retired private clergyman. When he died I took out letters of administration (being though a distant yet his nearest relation, as I was only his second cousin), for he died intestate. His effects were not quite

* Of this ingenious but unfortunate author, ample memoirs are given in *Literary Anecdotes*, III. 151—156. He died Nov. 1788, in his 45th year.

† The Rev. William Cleiveland, Rector of All Saints, Worcester. He died September 28, 1794. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* LXIV. 962.

equal to the discharge of the demands on his personal estate. On that account I could wish to dispose of his collection of shells, petrifications, and other rarities of that sort (some of which had been sent him from India), to the best advantage; and if Mr. Luckombe would take them under his care, they should all be sent to London, and, in the course of this winter or the following spring, they may perhaps be introduced into some auction with success.

"I do not remember that poor Huddleston Wynne behaved ill to the Duke of Northumberland. He dedicated to the Duke a very unsuccessful History of Ireland, in 2 vols. 8vo. for which the Duke made him a pecuniary present, with which he seemed satisfied, and more of him I do not now recollect.

T. DROMORE."

"MY LORD,

London, Saturday, 27 Sept. 1800.

"I this morning received your favour of the 25th, and do not delay returning an answer, as I perceive there is not a moment to spare. I read your letter to Mr. Luckombe; I really believe you could not in all London have fallen into better hands, both as to skill and integrity. He is old, and has pretty much withdrawn from his favourite pursuit Conchology; he has parted with all his collection. No person here knows the value and prices of shells and petrifications better. He is at my instance perfectly ready to offer his best services. He does not look for retribution; his time here will be so short it is not worth minding.

"My friend Luckombe's vanity is the fear of being thought vain, and his humility is carried to excess. I think, however, I shall gradually, both for your Lordship and myself, extract an account of his numerous literary labours.

"Your suspicion of my choice of residence for the sake of some publication, I assure you is not the case; but, were it so, I most certainly should trespass on your Lordship, whose judgment and taste could be consulted to more advantage, and certain to meet with sincerity and friendship. I may have felt inclination to obtrude sentiments and observations on the public, though the world already is pretty well crammed, but my being for many years past involved in the trust and management of important concerns to other people, has compelled me to relinquish

many gratifications. I am, however, taking measures to release myself from servitude for the future.

“ANDREW CALDWELL.”

“MY LORD, London, 23d Oct. 1800.

“I heard from Col. Cockburn that you had arrived at Dublin; I hope this will find you and the ladies enjoying yourselves comfortably at Dromore House; the ladies have been so long away, they will probably think the trees and shrubs somewhat improved in size.

“Your shells, &c. came safe to Mr. Luckombe; he sorted and classed them much sooner than I could have expected. I am sorry to tell you, they are not thought much of, and indeed they are inferior to several collections I have seen since I came. Mr. Luckombe has shewn them to Humphries, Forster, and Mawe, all considerable dealers; the two first made no offer, Mr. Mawe bids 10*l*. Luckombe thinks it a fair price; it is not worth putting them into an auction; the cost would swallow up the value.

“I called at Mr. Nichols’; he was out of town, but I told his son where the fossil fish was, and what it cost. He knows Luckombe well; his father makes no collection of the kind, but he will take care to mention it to several gentlemen, who may perhaps wish for such a curiosity.

“There seems a dearth of publications. I have enquired of Mr. Malone and the booksellers to recommend something. Gifford’s letter about his quarrel with Peter Pindar possibly you may not have seen; I believe I shall send it under cover to Mr. Lee’s. There are pamphlets about the scarcity and Corn Laws, very important, but not in your Lordship’s way, or mine.

“I went to the Drawing-room, that is, the outer chamber, and was much pleased; the King and Queen never in their lives looked so well, every body remarked it; this Weymouth jaunt is of great advantage: the same may be said of all the royal family, Dukes and Princesses, a wonderfully fine, well-looking family they are.

“The apprehension of scarcity makes people uneasy: your John Bulls cannot put up with such hard scanty fare as the Pats do; the scarcity, however, is real, and has alarmed the Government. I hear the system of

Corn Law will be revised; that has done more harm, it is alleged, than the seasons.

"The Parliament is to meet next month. I wonder how it is to be accommodated; I have been looking at the new contrivances; it seems to me hardly possible they can be ready in time.*

"I hear Goldsmith's Life and Works are at last coming out at Cadell's, under the direction of Mr. Rose,† a barrister, son of the late Dr. Rose, of Chiswick: this perhaps some people keep secret.

"Mr. Malone hopes to hear from you about Mr. Bromley's Correspondence in Worcestershire.

"ANDREW CALDWELL."

Mr. LUCKOMBE to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

No. 3, Johnson's-court, Fleet-street,
London, Nov. 13, 1800.

"Yours of the first instant I received on the 11th, and immediately applied to Mr. Mawe, No. 5, Tavistock-street, Covent-garden, who became the purchaser of your shells for 10*l.* and (after reserving those you mentioned) I yesterday delivered them; and this day, as by the acknowledgment of Messrs. Goslings, paid them 9*l.* 14*s.* which, with six shillings expenses of portorage from the inn, and conveyance to Tavistock-street, complete the ten pounds. The large collection of fossils of the deceased Mr. Strange, which has lately been brought to the hammer, renders it not advisable to bring yours to market, as there are but few collectors of that part of natural history; it therefore rests with your Lordship relative to the removal of those now with me, or the conveying to town. The sulphurs shall be repacked and delivered to your order, as well as the few plaster casts, whenever desired, though they are not any incumbrance to me. Mr. Caldwell has seen your letter, and says he thinks of leaving town soon; desires his respects; and I am, my Lord, your Lordship's humble servant,

PH. LUCKOMBE."‡

* Alluding to the enlargement of the House of Commons to accommodate the Irish Members.

† Of Mr. Samuel Rose, see vol. VII. p. 102.

‡ The following particulars of Mr. Luckombe are gleaned from these letters of Mr. Caldwell:—Mr. Philip Luckombe was born at Exeter, served his time to a printer there, and afterwards was a printer himself. He gave up that business after he had been engaged in it twelve years; then entered

Mr. CALDWELL to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, Dublin, March 4, 1801.

"You may imagine there is much anxiety about the King; the packet yesterday evening brought accounts of his being much better; several private letters of some authority assure that it is not in the least degree a return of his former illness, but really a bilious fever. This unlucky event retards parliamentary business, but it must be submitted to. What a bustle has the Union rescued us from here on such an occasion!

"Dublin undoubtedly has not experienced the same dissipation as in former winters, nor can the expenditure be as much; but it is unreasonable the advantage of one town should prevail against that of three countries.

"I have been much gratified with Malone's curious 'Life of Dryden;' it is a most remarkable instance of diligence and accuracy; the numerous anecdotes, and the accounts of noted persons and families interspersed, are highly interesting. History would be much more valuable and authentic, if authors took equal pains for information with Malone, and he proves what can be accomplished by industry. This, I apprehend, has given mortal offence; it is a dangerous example to your writers for gain, and leaves them without excuse. Mr. Hardinge's imitation of the Canons of Criticism is but feeble; and especially if you look into Dryden's Life at the same time; there may be two or three comical hits, and one of the best is the name, *Minutius Felix*. I have had no account

one of the colleges of Oxford; and, after going through the usual course, he settled in London, and obtained his livelihood by writing for the booksellers. He superintended and improved many editions of popular common books. An edition of a large Geographical Dictionary, with the names of Sealey and Lyons, was entirely new modelled by him. He edited the Tablet of Memory, compilations of Chronology, and contributed articles to magazines without number. He showed his friend Mr. Caldwell a list of sixty works that he had enlarged and amended for the booksellers; among these were, "History of the Origin and Progress of Printing," London, 1770, 8vo. — "England's Gazetteer," 3 vols. — "British Chronologist," 3 vols. 8vo. — "Geographical Dictionary," 2 vols. 4to. — His favourite pursuit was conchology, and few knew the value of shells better. This was the only extravagance he indulged in, and he had a fine collection. He was infinitely happier, and was sensible of it, than nine-tenths of the sons of affluence. Though his assiduity was incessant, yet the occupation was always varying, instructive, and amusing. There is a mezzotinto 8vo. oval portrait of Mr. Luckombe, drawn by T. Kearsley, and engraved by R. H. Laurie. He died in Sept. 1803.

yet of Sir Richard Musgrave's History; a large 4to is a serious expense, as well as reading.

"The great merchant Mr. Byrne has purchased Serjeant Adair's fine estate in your neighbourhood. Not a single Popish tenant at present on the whole land.

"The poor boy* you mention will be fortunate, if he should merit your kind instructions and care; the culture of Parnassus, however, is not the most enriching kind of farming. The gentleman you wrote to was so good as to call yesterday, and read me your Lordship's letter.

"I have just seen Cooper Walker; he seldom comes to town.
ANDREW CALDWELL."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, April 13, 1801.

"I send the copy of Burns's Works your Lordship subscribed for; I think you will be amused with them in the country. His prose, that is, his Letters, are full as surprising as his poetry.

"It gives me great pleasure I can congratulate you and Mrs. Percy on the nuptials in your family.† There must be the best prospect of happiness with persons so well educated, and that have been long acquainted. I doubt you will feel yourselves, however, very lonely; but in our lot here we must expect frequent changes. I hope when the new married shall remove, it will not be to a great distance from your neighbourhood.

"I fear the poor King is in a dangerous state of health; the report is water in his chest; that is a disorder very difficult to cure, and seldom recovered.

"Perhaps you might like to see a copy of the Protest, which has made some noise; it is rather strong, and is not likely to get into the papers, as the printers are afraid:

'We deprecate and protest against the measure, because, as far as it may be carried into execution, it tends to dissolve the allegiance of the subject.

'A country over which martial law is exercised may be crushed or subdued, but is not governed, much less protected; allegiance is not more a duty on one side than protection is on the other.

* W. Cunningham. See vol. VII. p. 145.

† Mr. and Mrs. Meade.

‘The character of subjects and of enemies cannot exist together; a military force can exercise nothing but the dominion of the sword; with respect to the people there is no government. We therefore conceive it to be our bounden duty, in our endeavour to preserve the Government of the United Kingdom, not to lose sight of these advantages, which alone render it worth preserving.—
THANET, ALBEMARLE, HOLLAND, KING.’

“Mr. Irwin has in rehearsal a comic opera, ‘The Bedouins, or Wandering Arabs.’ It may not be an unenterprising subject; he has been in the country, and therefore his picture is from the life, not from the imagination or from other travellers.

“I am obliged to go to the county of Kilkenny for a fortnight, and hope to spend a day or two with the Bishop of Ossory* on my return. “ANDREW CALDWELL.”

“MY LORD,

Dublin, June 8, 1801.

“I do purpose myself the pleasure of paying my respects at Dromore House this summer: all it wanted when I saw it was the trees a little more grown, and which my imagination helped out; I well remember the glen in view of the drawing-room windows; the water there must have a fine effect. The general appearance of the country promises uncommon plenty after next harvest; the husbandman has certainly made great exertions; more potatoes and corn have been sown than ever before known. I fear the subscriptions and the outcry about the poor in this town have been carried too far; advantage has been taken of it by the idle, and begging seems for the lower orders the best trade going.

“Our Exhibition of Paintings has just opened. It surprises everybody. There are several pieces of real merit, and that might stand with the best in the London, as I have been told by two gentlemen just come from thence, and who can compare both. I am sorry your friend Robinson† did not send a picture, and particularly the Country Churchyard; it would have been very popular.

“I have had a long, agreeable letter from Mr. Malone.

* Dr. Hugh Hamilton. He died Dec. 1, 1805, aged 77. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* vol. LXXV. p. 1176.

† See vol. VII. p. 168.

He mentions a curious sale of the farrago of the famous Samuel Ireland, the Shakespeare Papers, in three immense volumes, bound in Russia, green boxes without end, with old leases, deeds, seals, and playhouse accounts, to take in hunters of curiosities. The whole produced, nominally, 1,380*l.*, but really 1,000*l.*, which appears to me pretty well, and full the worth. The Shakespeare MS. and some others were puffed extravagantly, but it is supposed they remain on hand, and the biters were bit.

"Mr. George Ellis has published 'Specimens of the English Poets,' in three volumes; the first an 'Historical View of the Progress of our Poetry.' This work is much approved of. Malone proposes to come over this summer with his brother.

"I have had a letter from Charlotte Smith. She is writing more volumes of the 'Solitary Wanderer' for immediate subsistence. This work I have not seen, but it is well spoken of. She is a woman full of sorrows, and I fear her misfortunes are scarcely to be mitigated.* One of her daughters made an imprudent marriage; the man, after behaving extremely ill and tormenting the family, died lately of a fever; the widow has come to her mother, not worth a shilling, and with the addition of three young children. These are pitiable cases, and the more so where there is the genius and sensibility of Charlotte Smith.

"You had subscribed for Burns one guinea, but the first plan was enlarged, and Dr. Currie obliged to call on the subscribers for half a guinea more. A. CALDWELL."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, Aug. 13, 1801.

"I am extremely impatient for the pleasure of visiting Dromore House. I postponed writing in hopes of being able to fix a day for leaving town, but our house has been continually full with company. My brother and his daughter are still here, and I only wait for them to go away to England, and then nothing shall detain me.

"I assure you I wanted no temptation in addition to your kindness; it will, however, be very agreeable to be

* Her chief embarrassments arose from the wild and ruinous projects of her husband, and other extravagant absurdities. Upon her expressing a wish to a gentleman that he could be engaged in some rational pursuit, he suggested that his enthusiasm might be most safely directed to *Religion*. "Oh," she said, "for Heaven's sake, do not put it into his head to take to Religion, for if he does, he'll instantly set about building a Cathedral. — J. M.

introduced to Dr. Anderson. His edition of the Poets I shall hardly be able to meet with, neither have I leisure just at this moment to look into it. My brother, I believe, means to sail for Liverpool next Tuesday, and, please God, I shall set out in a day or two after for the North.

"I shall be most happy in promoting to the utmost of my power the person you are interested about at Simpson's Hospital, and am certain your recommendation will have great weight with the Board. The revenues, from the determination of a leasehold and the dearness of provisions, had not been adequate, and the Governors were forced, on the Charter-day for admission last May, to refuse filling up any of the vacancies. The next Charter-day is in November, and I hope we shall then be enabled to provide for meritorious candidates.

"You expressed a wish to know some of Luckombe's literary labours. The following memorandum I stole out of his list:—'History and Origin of Printing,' 8vo; 'England's Gazetteer,' three vols.; 'British Chronologist,' three vols. 8vo.; 'Geographical Dictionary,' two vols. 4to.

ANDREW CALDWELL."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, Nov. 5, 1801.

"I have too long procrastinated acknowledging I am much indebted to your kindness for the many agreeable hours I enjoyed at Dromore House, and, I may add, instructive ones. I did hope I might have something entertaining to communicate, but perceive it is to no purpose to wait longer. This town is very quiet, and so far comfortable; but little company as yet, and therefore no enlivening occurrences.

"The blessing of peace was most unexpected, and must give joy to all friends of humanity. The secrecy with which it was conducted proves ability and good intention in the ministers both of France and England: great mischief and depredation by stock-jobbing and other contrivances were prevented. The common people here are prodigiously disappointed; indeed they make no secret, but express themselves pretty openly. That alone is a strong argument in favour of the peace.

"Sir James Blackwood is certainly to be married to Miss Forster, daughter to our late Speaker. He is a most worthy man, and she a very sensible, amiable young lady.

He is rather older than could be wished, but it is in vain to expect a combination of all advantages.

"Mr. Abbot,* as I am informed, is busy in schemes of improvement and retrenchment, and also in inquiry into some people's conduct in office. If he be in earnest and perseveres, he certainly will not want opportunity to do great public good.

"I observe Hafiz,† and the young weaver,‡ have not been slumbering; both English and Irish papers have been embellished by their muses. A. CALDWELL."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, Dec. 29, 1801.

"The idea that is uppermost with me, at present, is to wish much health and happiness to your Lordship and your house; my next wish would be to enjoy the merry Christmas in your society, either here or in the country; but it is not permitted to accomplish all our desires; we must then have recourse to a letter now and then, and hope for the pleasure of hearing that our friends at a distance are well.

"I had postponed writing of late, in expectation of giving a good account of the little commissions you charged me with. I have inquired about the picture of Swift from Gonn's daughters. I find Dr. Trail had been twice with them for the same purpose; they had searched many books of accompts and receipts of their father's, but without effect; they have, however, promised to employ a person that transacted business with their father, and knew his affairs well, and hope he can recollect something relative to the sale. Mr. Leigh is confined with low spirits, and it is difficult to see him. He and Mrs. Leigh know the county of Meath well, and possibly from them some information may be procured.

"I have not met with any body yet amongst the artists that knew the painter Shea, but I have set some persons on inquiry. He was poor and obscure, blind of an eye, but had considerable talent, and particularly for historical composition.

"When I saw the Causeway about fifteen years ago, I observed that Mrs. Drury's views were partial ones,

* Secretary for Ireland; afterwards Speaker of the House of Commons, and Lord Colchester. He died May 8, 1829, aged 71.

† Mr. Stott. See vol. VII. p. 174.

‡ W. Cunningham; see vol. VII. p. 145.

taking in only the two principal masses of pillars; the one I made out distinctly, and her drawing was faithful; the other I could not trace to my satisfaction; but so many pillars had been pulled to pieces and tumbled down, that I dare say that side was totally altered from the time she had been there. I saw, at the Provost's, some drawings of the Causeway that Dr. Richardson had sent him; they seem accurate, though not well executed, as if the work of an artist; they are to be engraved for the Doctor's intended publication. The discovery of shells in the mass of stone is curious, and I should conceive to be decisive against the operation of fire; the shells would have been entirely calcined. The vesicles of water are not a certain indication: water, in a course of ages, will penetrate the closest substance.

"Perhaps Doctor Richardson's father was the correspondent of Swift you were wishing to know; the Doctor may be able to inform you. The gentleman I mentioned was his uncle, and Member for Coleraine. It was more likely to be the father, who was a clergyman and a man of letters. I dare say the Treatise on the Causeway will be highly acceptable; I should judge so from the sensible pretty letter you received from Dr. Richardson when I was at Dromore.

"Milliken's* shop is open again. I fear poor Sir Richard Musgrave will suffer by him; the booksellers have not a good opinion of Milliken. This is the fourth time he has failed; that, to be sure, is rather against him.

"Mr. Malone was in town for two days on his way to London. I accompanied him one entire morning in researches, in which we were not very successful.

"Your Lordship's opinion of Dr. Caulfield's† 'Answer,' it pleases me to think, was precisely the same I had formed. His Affidavit is prolix and embarrassed, and not satisfactory. This priest refused protection to a poor little cousin of mine, sister to Daniel Mussenden, wife to a very worthy parson, Mr. Bevan, who was obliged to escape to Wales. I shall endeavour to ascertain the day Caulfield refused her. It seems almost incredible such outrages could be committed, and a person sitting at

* Bookseller, of Dublin.

† The "Reply of Dr. Caulfield, R. C. Bishop, and of the R. C. Clergy of Wexford, to the Misrepresentations of Sir Richard Musgrave," 8vo. 1801. See Monthly Review, xxvii. 331.

home in so small a town as Wexford not to hear of them ; it could scarcely happen in London.

"Mr. Kennedy of Cultra died yesterday ; he came to town two months ago, apparently in perfect health ; he has been ill about a month ; some inward disorder, a slight fit of the gout I believe, mismanaged and repelled. He was an excellent head of a family, and is a great loss ; ten sons and three daughters, but there is a good estate, and they are all worthy and well-disposed.

"I hear General Cradock* has sent over some Egyptian curiosities ; one in particular, a necklace taken from a mummy, which I must endeavour to see. The poor princess, after a repose of two thousand years, was destined to be the prey of an English soldier.

"Dean Hewitt's daughter is immediately to be married to Captain King, Lady Kingston's third son ; the lady is now at Armagh, with her uncle Lord Lifford. I assisted this morning to adjust settlements, having, as trustee and executor, the legal power over some of the property to be under settlement.

"Malone has fallen under the lash of the critic,—I hear, a Mr. Hardinge.† He first attacked the *Life of Dryden*, and, in a second part lately published, the *Shakespeare*. It must be owned he is a smart fellow, and seems to have his classics *au bout des doigts* ; but his bitterness is carried to excess, and his sarcasm so recondite it is more than I can understand. There are some papers about the way of spelling Shakespeare's name, in which he seems to have more advantage over Malone than I should have expected, considering the indefatigable industry of the latter.

"Dr. Caulfield's laying hold of Lord George Gordon's riot is mere pretence. I was in London at the time. Lord George and his friends never foresaw or intended the mischief ; it was an ignorant mob broke loose. The ministry shamefully connived at their proceedings, to turn the attention of the public from the bad success of the American war. The tumult subsided like magic the moment Government seemed in earnest.

"ANDREW CALDWELL."

* General Sir John Francis Cradock, G.C.B. was created Lord Howden in the Peerage of Ireland, in recompense of his eminent military services. He was born 12 Aug. 1762, and died in July 1839. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag. new series*, vol. XII. p. 310.

† "The Essence of Malone ; or the Beauties of that fascinating Writer," &c. See *Literary Illustrations*, vol. III. pp. 19, 20.

"MY LORD,

Dublin, 1 Mar. 1802.

"My confinement, I fear, will continue longer than I expected; it retards several schemes,—amongst others, the inquiries about Shea. It was a great mistake that Meath was mentioned instead of Louth relative to Swift's picture; all my researches were about Meath, and I worried several friends, and thought them very stupid that they could give no intelligence; the county of Louth is the more likely place, for some of the Jacksons and Grattans were his early intimates, and of that county.

"I am your Lordship's most humble servant,

"ANDREW CALDWELL."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, 2 April, 1802.

"I send you by this post 'Faulkner's Dublin Journal,' and you will observe they have liberally printed the account of the Giant's Causeway; and the notice of the Raffle, which might have been considered as an advertisement. I was advised to put it into the Dublin Journal, as that paper is the most read by the nobility and gentry and literary people, the other papers being chiefly for traders and men of business; the Evening Post is the paper that circulates most in the country, but that was unnecessary, as the account first appeared in the Belfast paper; I think it extremely well drawn up, and I am just going to shew it to Mr. Kirwan. The duplicate you sent I left at Walker's printing-house, and have no doubt it will be inserted in next month's Magazine; there is but one magazine printed here.

"We all rejoice that the definitive treaty is concluded. I presume we shall be obliged to illuminate; it is a fine circumstance for the mercantile interest; they will now be at a certainty, and know how to manage their speculations.

"I beg my compliments to Dr. Percy, and I shall have the pleasure to write to him as soon as ever I can obtain any good hints on the subject that he wrote about. If we can procure an elegant design, and well engraved, it will be more gratifying to country gentlemen than a medal. There must be a tablet to insert the name, and some inscription to express the merits of the successful competitor. There may be two ways of treating the allegory; either according to ancient mythology, or to modern manners. I confess I should wish for something clever in the latter style; it would be more original and

uncommon ; the Greek and Roman divinities are actually become tiresome and hacknied.

“The Provost has completed the agreement with Mynheers Fagel for the fine family library, 8000*l.* English ; it is packing up and will soon be over. The Provost did nothing less than beat Buonaparte out of the field. There are more large-paper copies and splendid books of botany and natural history than in any other collection known. This will be very gratifying and amusing.”

“MY LORD,

Dublin, 24 April, 1802.

“I have applied to several artists for hints of the design that Dr. Percy wrote to me about, but as soon as they find that it is only their ideas on the subject that are desired, and that they are not to have the execution of any work, they all grow cool and negligent ; I need not expect assistance from them ; it is to no purpose to wait longer. I mean to consult my friend Mr. Mangin ; he has such a collection of prints and books, that perhaps we may be able together to suggest something that Robinson may think he can turn to account. I shall write to Dr. Percy as soon as we can obtain any invention worth submitting to him.

ANDREW CALDWELL.”

“MY LORD,

Dublin, 14th June, 1802.

“I yesterday met with the Prime Serjeant* at the College ; he delivered to me the Malay Gospels. The Prime Serjeant desires to keep the Spanish books some time longer ; he has found much amusement from them. The collating Lycophron is not accomplished yet. I have not seen the Provost for some time, and fear he has forgotten to inquire amongst the juniors for an accurate Grecian, but I shall remind him.

“It was unlucky your being prevented attending the House of Lords ; it is hard that I should be a sufferer. I once thought I should have the pleasure of meeting you in London, and now am disappointed in that, and also the hope of your coming here, which would have been a high

* Edmund Stanley, esq. appointed Prime Serjeant July 1, 1801, was succeeded by Arthur Browne, esq. D.C.L. Dec. 29, 1802. In 1807 Mr. Stanley was knighted on being appointed Recorder of Prince of Wales's Island ; in 1815 was appointed one of the Judges at Madras ; and retired in 1825. Sir Edmund Stanley died at Richmond April 28, 1843, aged 82. See *Gent. Mag. new series*, vol. XX. p. 206.

gratification. I fear I shall not be able to visit the North this summer, being still troubled with the complaint in my ears. I am advised to try Harrogate; I have no objection, but that I have doubts about the efficacy of medicinal waters.

“The basaltic columns found near Dromore are new and curious, and will still perplex the theorists. I never heard of any before at such a distance from the Causeway. These, with the originals from the county of Antrim, and the perfect specimen of the deers’ horns and skeleton, furnish Dromore House with curiosities that will not be easily matched elsewhere: it is always with pain, however, that I hear of the Causeway being so frequently plundered. We have pieces here at the College and Dublin Society; much has been distributed amongst various Museums in Europe; and if this is to go on, the Causeway in a few years will be destroyed: it was impaired in several places when I saw it many years ago. I have no objection to taking samples of the prisms from the sides of the banks, or digging them out in the neighbourhood; they would show the figure and prove the circumstance as well as could be desired, but to deface the grand mass of columns next the sea is deplorable. I wish you could get Dr. Richardson to resist this abuse, and stir up the county to set a just value on the rarity they possess, and prevent injurious dilapidations.

“On looking over the new edition of Swift, there is a letter from him about the shirts that were made a present to him by Miss Richardson; it is a pity her pretty letter, which your Lordship has in your collections, had not also been printed. I was right in what I mentioned to you; she was sister to Mr. Richardson of Summerseat, who was uncle to Dr. Richardson, and a correspondent of Swift’s; I dare say the Doctor can inform you of many particulars. This edition of Swift is greatly deficient in historical and explanatory notes; they are now much wanted, and consequently much humour, meaning, and sarcasm is lost and unintelligible.

“Why did not Robinson send his picture of the Funeral to the Exhibition? it would have been a great help: the Exhibition, I am sorry to say, was but a poor one. It is too much for this place to attempt it every year; once in two years might probably answer.

“The London Exhibition, I am told, was the best that

has been for many years. A new artist has started up, one Turner;* he had before exhibited stained drawings, he now paints landscapes in oil; beats Loutherbouurg and every other artist all to nothing. A painter of my acquaintance, and a good judge, declares his pencil is magic; that it is worth every landscape painter's while to make a pilgrimage to see and study his works. Loutherbouurg, that he used to think of so highly, appears now mediocre.

"ANDREW CALDWELL."

"MY LORD, *Andrew Caldwell* Dublin, 7th July, 1802.

"I take the opportunity of Mr. Brush's intention of setting out for Dromore in a day or two, of employing him to carry the Malay Testament: that rare and curious article should not be trusted to any common conveyance.

"I have read the 'Life of Goldsmith,' and was much amused with it; most of the works I had read as they came out, so they could not be new to me. A line in the 'Traveller' required a note of explanation,—'Luke's iron crown† and Damien's bed of steel.'" The 'Essay on Literature' I had never seen or heard of before; it is a slight performance, I suppose on a pressing occasion; some passages are striking and brilliantly expressed, but on the whole there are more words than matter.

"The white beaver is a curious instance of the inaccuracy of report; it is neither more nor less than the true ermine; it was shot near Mallow about the 20th of last January, and presented by Lord Doneraile to General Vallancey. The General takes it to be a white weasel, which is a variety that sometimes happens with respect to that animal.‡ I looked into Buffon to-day; he observes, 'The weasel sometimes becomes white, but the tail yellowish brown, and never black;' this at the Society has the tail black, like all the ermines I have ever seen, and agrees perfectly with the engraved figure in Buffon; it is also rather larger than our common weasel; it was probably a pet, strayed from the sailors of some northern vessel. Mallow is thirteen miles from the nearest place

* This eminent ornament to the Royal Academy still survives, 1847.

† In the "Respublica Hungaria," there is an account of a rebellion for which "George," not "Luke" Zech was punished by his head being encircled with a red-hot iron crown.—Damien was a French fanatic, who attempted to assassinate Louis XV. and was put to death by the rack, figuratively called "a bed of steel." See Gent. Mag. LXXXVI. II. 484.

‡ It is not the weasel, but the stoat. The weasel never turns white.—J. M.

such a vessel could come to; but that is no surprising distance for such a nimble animal.

"I heard of the paragraph in the Dublin Journal about the botanic library, but have not seen it. I own I cannot see the propriety of exiling it to Glassnevin; it would then be absolutely confined to the sole use of my friend Dr. Wade. It could rarely happen that any person would go one or two miles to consult the books of such a library, but here in town it is convenient for all students and curious gentlemen, and they can have access without fatigue or trouble. The Professor, though he lectures at Glassnevin, may surely prepare himself in the library in town. I hope to set out for Harrogate in eight days from this.

"ANDREW CALDWELL."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, Tuesday, July 27, 1802.

"I hope to sail for Parkgate the day after to-morrow. I would much rather pay my compliments at Dromore House, but my medical friends insist on a trial of Harrogate. I have been twice unfortunate about Dr. Anderson; missed him last summer, and now this one. I had proposed much pleasure in conversing with him about many of the Scotch men of genius. I doubt I should have appeared unreasonably inquisitive.

"I do not think I have lost much summer as yet: this month has not produced one entire fair day. I have continued my parlour fire every evening, by way of having a lively companion along with my book. A. CALDWELL."

"MY LORD,

Harrogate, Saturday, Oct. 9, 1802.

"Your approbation of the paper relative to the plans of the Parliament House is highly gratifying. Your Lordship is the only person to whom I wished it to be communicated in confidence, and for several reasons I could be anxious that the name of the writer should be secret. It was intended chiefly to assist the candidates at a distance in observing the difficulties to be encountered, and pointing out various irregularities. If it shall be found useful in that respect, the writer's utmost aim will be accomplished. Mr. Colvill inclosed to me your Lordship's letter to him. I am sensible of the honour of your Lordship's partiality, but the Paper would have been

much better could it have been possible to have obtained your perusal and corrections before the printing.

"I have been at this place since the end of August. Having come so far, I determined to give the place a fair trial. I must acknowledge it seems for the present to have answered; my complaint is nearly removed. The sauntering kind of life at these watering-places is, however, to me most disagreeable; it is truly doing penance. I hope to finish completely, and to leave this in eight days hence. An excursion I made for ten days was very pleasant. I paid a visit to Lord Fitzwilliam at Wentworth House; then to Mr. Conolly at Wentworth Castle. It is difficult to say which of these two noble mansions is the finest. Lord Fitzwilliam's, however, is the most finished, and in best order. I spent two days at York to admire the minster. It is admirable, but not without some parts objectionable. The organ was gone to London to be repaired, and the choir cleaning out: that was a disadvantage to me; but the dean and chapter, I am told, relished the vacation exceedingly. I did not omit going to see Castle Howard. It is very magnificent, and well worth a visit. It is also shown in a liberal manner. You are not hurried through; you may stay and gratify yourself as long as you choose. Your Lordship, I dare say, is well acquainted with all these northern curiosities. Harrogate begins to thin, company dropping off every day: not many Irish since I arrived. I have met with a most amiable and interesting French family that live near this, the Marquis of Villdeuil. He had been Controleur de Finances under the late King. He shows you the genuine elegant French nobleman. I protest he looks a superior species to all the John Bulls here. A. CALDWELL."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, Dec. 27, 1802.

"The sale of my ever-lamented friend Mr. Mangin's books is going on at Vallance's. I have bought a few trifling articles, but do all I can to combat the foolish appetite for further acquisitions, being possessed of more books already than I could ever find time to read. The merely heaping them on shelves is perhaps a hinderance to many a worthy person that wants to derive advantage from them.

"I hear much of an Account of the Expedition to Egypt,

by Sir Robert Wilson.* It is very authentic, but discloses such atrocities of Buonaparte as are scarcely to be conceived. Some people are angry at Sir Robert for fear of its doing mischief. I care little. I am of opinion that crimes should always be exposed and reprobated.

"According to the good old custom, I wish your Lordship and all your family a happy new year.

"ANDREW CALDWELL."

Bishop PERCY to Mr. CALDWELL.

"DEAR SIR,

Dromore House, Jan. 13, 1803.

"Your kind favour of December 27th ought to have been acknowledged before this time; but I waited till by a carman from this town I could request you to send me some copies of Goldsmith's Works to be here disposed of, for the benefit of his poor niece.

"I wish I had seen a Catalogue of your friend Mr. Mangin's books. In what departments of literature did they chiefly abound?

"In this remote solitude, any literary or other intelligence from Dublin that is interesting will always much oblige me.

"Mrs. Percy joins me in requesting you will accept and present to Miss Caldwell our best compliments, and every good wish of the season.

THO. DROMORE."

Mr. CALDWELL to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Dublin, March 25, 1803.

"I earnestly wish the mild weather we may now have some expectation of will have a powerful effect in removing the complaint in your eyes; you employ them to such good purpose, it would be lamentable to have you long prevented from your ingenious and rational pursuits. I have often proposed writing to your Lordship, but the demon of procrastination was still too powerful. I waited at first for Archer's arrival, and that did not happen till about a month since; he requests me to assure your Lordship that he has sent some copies of Goldsmith's Works to Waterford, Cork, and Limerick, and was just preparing a parcel for Belfast. He desired me to mention to your Lordship that the friends of Goldsmith's niece should

* "History of the British Expedition to Egypt." See Gent. Mag. LXXII. p. 1121.

exert their influence in promoting the sale, for that the work is not much called for. I wonder at this; the book is not dear as prices now prevail, and it is a publication of great variety and entertainment. Archer has the finest shop, I believe, in the three kingdoms; it is very amusing to rummage there; he has brought over a prodigious collection, and many articles of the greatest expense. It is convenient to look them over, when really few can afford to purchase. I begin, however, to feel something like disgust with Greek antiquities, Egyptian antiquities, and Mosaic pavements; all splendid beyond conception, but I never long for them.

"The Gentleman's Magazine I take, constantly, and understand who Hafiz means. The poem you favoured me with, by Robinson,* is very astonishing for his years; the friends I have shewed it to will not credit it entirely, and insist on it he must have had great assistance. I should submit it to your Lordship whether you had not better advise his discontinuance to write verses for a considerable time; the danger is of acquiring a habit of phrases, epithets, and imagery from books; it may hinder his own observations, and storing his mind with original ideas.

"I looked for the 'Character of Artemisia;' it is in the second volume of Dr. Warton's edition of Pope, p. 297. He gives no note whatever upon it, except quoting an Ode of Fenton's, that he thinks Pope imitated. I have heard the 'Character' ascribed to Lady M. W. Montague; but this does not answer well. Artemisia is mentioned as a coarse bulky personage, and Lady Mary, as I have heard, was a little woman.† It is, I believe, in 'Walpoliana,' that it is applied to Queen Caroline. It probably originated in Jacobite malevolence. Her Majesty, by the best accounts, was not only a lady of great abilities and accomplishments, but of the most virtuous, excellent dispositions.

"The 'Plans for the great Bank' are not yet come over; we are all in expectation of high entertainment from them. It is full two months since the artists, according to directions, delivered them to the waggon office. No account came; the directors and the young artists all thrown into consternation. When they applied at the

* Master Thomas Romney Robinson. See vol. VII. p. 168.

† The attribute of *dirt* to Artemisia was applicable to Lady Mary; who I believe was intended.—J. M.

waggon office, the press of business was so great, that indeed they were forgot; it took a great search at last to find them. If such a thing had happened here, the poor Irish would have been well roasted; but you see the fine exact Londoners may make slips sometimes as well as their neighbours.

"Our private letters from London seem rather of opinion there will be no war, but no absolute certainty as yet; however, stocks are getting up. All I pray for is peace for the time I am to remain here. Hostilities again would be a most dreadful visitation to this country. We go on in this town enjoying ourselves without apprehensions; good dinners and suppers, balls and charity sermons, without ceasing. Nothing, as I hear, can exceed the benevolence and engaging attentions of Lord* and Lady Hardwicke. Every thing is in harmony, if France and England would but let us alone.

"I have lately had two letters from Mr. Malone. Nothing new in matters of literature and arts, but some inquiries for him and Dr. Burney, in which I was tolerably successful.

"I have also some particulars about Shea, the painter, for your Lordship in store; the poor friend that gave them to me died lately at Amiens, on his way home from Paris.

"I have not yet been able to get through the examination of half the curiosities that belonged to my worthy ingenious friend Mangin; I often wish to show them to your Lordship, and believe many things would please and attract your notice.

"I have lately read Sir Robert Wilson's Narrative of the Expedition to Egypt; it is chiefly a book for the military; but there are many curious, and, I hear, most authentic particulars of the country and characters. You have heard probably of the inscription discovered near the top of the shaft of Pompey's Pillar; according to this, it was erected in honour of Dioclesian, by Pompey, Prefect of Egypt; that shows why it was called Pompey's Pillar.

"The paper admonishes me more than my discretion to have mercy on your Lordship's eyes. I am rejoiced that there is a prospect of seeing you next May. I may possibly also make a visit to the other side, and to meet your Lordship in London would be double pleasure.

"ANDREW CALDWELL."

* Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

"MY LORD,

Dublin, July 12, 1803.

"There is a paper on the Greek Inscription, on what is usually called 'Pompey's Pillar,' in the Gentleman's Magazine* for May. The amendments are merely conjectural. It is beyond me to decide whether Mr. Hayter or Dr. Raine be most successful. The name of Dioclesian seems pretty clear and certain; and what your Lordship observes, if they can establish who was Prefect of Egypt at that time, it may sufficiently elucidate the inscription.

"Archer has got over the library he purchased at Paris (the Marquis Fouquet's). I have seldom seen such splendour and luxury in binding, and the prices are proportionable. A single play of Corneille's 'Rodogune,' bound for Madame Pompadour, the frontispiece etched by her, but finished with the graver by an artist, is only five guineas; it is a thin 4to. Such an embroidered cover I never saw; true French brocade. I have looked over few articles. I am afraid to go to the shop; it is best to keep away from temptation.

"This day 113 years was an anxious day in this part of the world;† and here we are again still going on with war; strictly computing, however, the day of battle was eleven days later. It is deplorable that no experience will teach Governments that war is the greatest of calamities, and, more than that, the worst policy. What this day commemorates has had durable effect; but, from the Restoration to this hour, I cannot recollect one other campaign from which we can say we now derive benefit. This war is like two men quarreling, the one in prison, grinning at his adversary in the street, through the bars, but neither can approach each other. I have a print from Rembrandt, with two angry men in this situation.

"ANDREW CALDWELL."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, Aug. 8, 1803.

"I have the greatest inclination to avail myself of your kind invitation; I want no other inducement than the enjoyment of your Lordship's conversation. A business of importance to myself has detained me from going to see some friends in England; but the gentlemen on whom I relied for my business are gone circuit, and, as it is

* See Gent. Mag. vol. LXXIII. p. 397.

† July 1, 1690, O. S. was fought the memorable battle of the Boyne.

uncertain when they may return to town, I think I may treat myself to a jaunt in the mean time. I cannot employ myself better or more agreeably than in the society of Dromore House.

"Archer does keep three or four copies of Goldsmith's Works in view in the shop; the Provost took a copy, but not the Lord Chancellor, or any of the Castle people.

"Ritson's 'Metrical Romances,' and a 'Biography of English Poets, from the earliest to the present times,' are come over; these, with a perfect copy of 'Paley's Evidences,' shall be sent to your Lordship.

"Ritson introduces several new modes of spelling, and the abbreviation *Mr.* he constantly spells, whenever it occurs, in letters at full length, *Mister*. Whether it is that one is not accustomed to it,—but it has a ludicrous appearance. The 'Essay on Abstinence' I just looked into in the shop; it is a continual succession of quotations, which of all styles in writing is the heaviest, and grows the most tiresome. I have sometimes thought, from the example of the Gentoos, that vegetable diet *emollit mores*; but the people of a certain land that we know are an instance to the contrary,—as ferocious as you please, feeding entirely on a wholesome vegetable called *potato*. Their Government, however, kindly indulges them with another vegetable substance called *whiskey*, which I am apt to suspect mars all the other good effects.

"Lady Mary Wortley Montague's Works I have almost read through. I do not from recollection perceive any addition to her 'Turkish Letters;' but all her other correspondence is entirely new to the public. Mr. Dallaway, the editor, is very deficient; almost every letter would require a note, and he gives scarcely any notes. I dare say your Lordship would understand many of the allusions, and give an account of most of the persons mentioned. These Letters show her a woman of more solid understanding and better character* than I have usually heard her represented. Her style is not pure and correct, which, from her rank and breeding, one might have expected; she is frequently ungrammatical and obscure, merely from the manner of expressing her thoughts. This work, I should suppose, makes a noise in the fashionable world.

* The less said about her character the better. Horace Walpole calls her "infamous;" and, if half of what is said is true, not without justice.—J. M.

"I hope Mrs. Percy was not too much alarmed by our strange unexpected explosion. The best news is that there is no news, every thing quiet at present; but one melancholy circumstance, I hear from good authority, that both Governments, here and on the other side, are in the utmost confusion, and seem not to know what they are about.

ANDREW CALDWELL."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, Dec. 20, 1803.

"To read Lady Montague's Letters to you would be an unspeakable pleasure and advantage; but, without waiting for that, if you could meet with a trusty person that would take the charge of five volumes, I would send them down directly.

"I am now engaged in reading Walpole's Works. They have been lying by me a good while, but I never had time, from other readings and various interruptions, to look into him. It was an exchange with Archer: I was glad to part with Bruce for Walpole, and I do not repent.

"You will think it strange I never before read Walpole's Historic Doubts on Richard the Third. He seems to me to have completely the better of the argument with Mr. Hume and Dean Milles, and is very smart and in earnest with them. What I remark is, that he has thrown an old building down to the ground, *de fond en comble*, but has not erected any edifice in its place. I am only in the second volume, in the description of Strawberry Hill. He has anticipated his auction catalogue. It is very comical, his minute statement of his cups and saucers, and plates, and old crockery ware.

"Ritson* stole away without being noticed. I never heard of his death till by accident I saw it in turning over a magazine a few days only before your Lordship's letter. I do suppose the poor man had always some tendency to insanity. I have never seen any of his latter publications.

"The token of regard that my ever-to-be-lamented friend Mr. Mangin left me, occupies me a good deal. I proceeded so far in an imperfect arrangement, that I can find out any particular thing for a friend, and guess what might be agreeable to show to any one that was curious.

"ANDREW CALDWELL."

* See vol. VII. p. 122.

"MY LORD,

Dublin, April 23, 1804.

"Lord Charlemont called on me the other day. Mr. Meen* has returned his book. My Lord seems delighted with him. I believe Mr. Meen may at all times command any treasure the library contains.

"I have lately had a letter and a supplement from Mr. Malone. He has given me some commands on his own account, Lord Spencer's, and Dr. Burney's. The employment in itself would be agreeable, but particularly so when it is to serve such persons. I do not find, however, an accommodating disposition here. Even literary friends show great apathy and indifference. The shopkeepers are the most provoking: they promise every thing, and do nothing. Vallance, and his substitute, Jones, I am obliged on this occasion to place my dependence on. I am dunning them perpetually, as if I were one of their first creditors.

"I am preparing, with all diligence, for a jaunt to London. If your Lordship has any commissions, you can have no doubt it will be one of my greatest satisfactions to be employed, and to be of use to you. I shall trouble you with some scribblings when any thing occurs that I think would entertain you.

"We are here in great distress for small change; but you Northerns are the monied people: we are told there is no want in your district. The poor are sadly distressed; the rich can go in tick. The wise Committee in London will do no good. A new silver coinage would be the greatest benefit, but the State I fear is not able. The other grievance, the exchange, is an evil I am suspicious is incurable, and must be endured.

"Walpole's Letters I have lately been reading. They are highly amusing. I think they are as lively as Madame de Sevigné's. His whole works are extremely curious and entertaining.

ANDREW CALDWELL."

"MY LORD,

London, Sept. 18, 1804.

"I am sorry I could not accomplish seeing Mr. Charles Goldsmith†; he would have liked, I dare say, to have talked to me about your Lordship, and I should have engaged him to relate a few particulars of his travels. There are a few literary novelties expected early in the winter;

* See vol. VII. pp. 59, 63.

† See vol. VII. p. 60.

nothing very great, but they may be entertaining. Wilkes's Correspondence is to come out; Lady Pomfret's also. I have the bookseller's word that it will merit general approbation.

"I have treated myself to Richardson's Correspondence, and dear enough; but so is everything here now. I have not even looked into it, reserving it as a treat for Dublin. Mr. Malone tells me it is, after all, not very important, and the total want of notes renders it much less interesting. Mrs. Barbauld's *Life of the Author* he thinks extremely well drawn up. Any of these things it will make me happy to lend to your Lordship if you have not already seen them.

"There are two or three novels in preparation, and by good hands, such as Miss Edgeworth and Mrs. Smith. All kinds of people here seem full of exertion and industry; they find some species of help absolutely necessary; so that, perhaps, high taxes are not in every respect a disadvantage. I wonder if they will have a good effect in our *natale solum*; we certainly are getting forward, and trying the experiment.

"I was obliged to pay a visit to some young friends at Cambridge before the long vacation. I was introduced to so many agreeable acquaintances, and met with such kindness, I remained near a month. Dr. Davy, the present Vice-Chancellor, and Dr. Clarke, are both most captivating.

"Dr. Clarke* and Mr. Cripps, a young man of fortune, had been travelling together; they were abroad full three years, north, east, and south, to a great extent. But I must reserve what I picked out from them till I have the happiness of conversing with your Lordship. They have brought home most valuable collections; really wonderful—antiques, marbles, medals, manuscripts, mineralogy, botany, drawings, &c.; and the colossal bust of the Ceres of Eleusis, discovered by Spon and Wheler. Strange are the vicissitudes of the world! This once famous image is now at the foot of the staircase of the Public Library, Cambridge. It is such a ruin, not a particle of face remaining, that I own, trembling to let the secret out, that I cannot perceive either utility or beauty. It was brought away with difficulty, both from its weight and

* Of Dr. Edward Daniel Clarke see memoirs in *Literary Anecdotes*, IV. 389—391, 721. He died March 9, 1822, in his 54th year. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* XCII. i. 274.

size, and that the people believed it secured their harvests. A present of a telescope to the bashaw removed all obstacles. There is a MS. Plato, said to be of great value; it is now here in town with Professor Porson.*

"No news except the invasion; it is become ridiculous, but serves to amuse and keep the people alert, which is all the Ministry want. It is now certain that the King intends to reside entirely at Windsor. It will be an inconvenience to the ministers and officers of State; but that must be submitted to if for his Majesty's health and quiet. All the fine library at the Queen's palace is now to be removed to Windsor.† This is a matter of regret. There was liberal access to literary men when understood it was for researches. I was there yesterday with Mr. Malone, who was wanting to look at an old author. The collection is said to be very choice and select. I shall go into Yorkshire to join my relation Mr. Heywood; he has proposed visiting Ireland to see an estate. If he is determined, we shall return by Portpatrick, and then I may have the pleasure to see your Lordship. It will be only for a day, for this gentleman will be for hurrying me.

"A. CALDWELL."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, 20th Nov. 1804.

"It was with the greatest regret I found myself disappointed in the hopes I had formed of seeing your Lordship at Dromore; my friend Mr. Heywood kept me some time in suspense, and at last his resolution failed him entirely, and he decided to postpone his jaunt to Ireland for this year. Could I have known this two months sooner, I should have gone to Wakefield, and then come home through the North, but the journey seemed now too long and dreary, when the weather was broke and the days shortened. It is about a fortnight since I landed in Dublin, took the old track by Holyhead, and had a fine short passage; a new road has been opened in Wales, which lessens the distance by fourteen miles, and what is of more consequence saves all the steep hills; it is also pleasant and romantic, perhaps as much so as the former road, and opens new scenery.

* The collation of this valuable MS. has been published by Professor Gaisford.—J. M.

† This removal did not take place. The library was presented to the country by King George IV. in 1823, and transferred to the British Museum. See the history of the collection detailed at length in the Gentleman's Magazine, New Series, vol I. pp. 16-22.

"I confess it was rather stupid in me not to write to your Lordship for further directions, when my search for Mr. C. Goldsmith had been unsuccessful, but what prevented me was that my remaining in London was uncertain, and therefore could hardly expect an answer to a letter.

"I think you will agree with me that Mr. Dallaway, the editor of Lady Wortley Montague's Letters, is but a dry, dull editor; he is very sparing of his notes, and without them private letters want half their value. There must have been a great many suppressed; not a word appears about the attempt in the year 1715, nor of Lord Mar; and that part of the correspondence between the two sisters would have been very interesting.

"Dean Allot is in town; he is on his way to London, being summoned to the Lords on account of Judge Fox.* I am apt to think the Judge will be found in the right, and not the Fox-hunters. ANDREW CALDWELL."

"Mr. Luckombe† died last September twelvemonth; and, notwithstanding his long connections with numerous printers and booksellers, his death was never inserted in any newspaper or magazine."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, Monday, 12th Jan. 1805.

"I inclose the copy of verses ascribed to Lady Hertford and Lady Mary Wortley Montague, with an extract from a letter relating to them; she concludes that letter with saying, 'she is sick with vexation.' I did not imagine Lady Hertford was a lady of such vivacity. If these letters could have been published several years ago, and the direction left to a person I could name, and who I hope honours me with some degree of friendship, what a superior work it would have been, and how much more to the advantage of the public! Mr. J. Dallaway, as he subscribes himself not with two names, is the most stupid and costive of editors, with an ample, fine subject in his hands. Any other editor would have told who Lady Hertford was, given an account of her and her character; Lord William Hamilton also. A vast deal of interesting domestic history might have been introduced; but not one word comes from Mr. Dallaway, yet every page might deserve notes.

* The Marquess of Abercorn brought the conduct of Mr. Justice Fox before the House of Lords, May 31, 1804. See Journals of the House of Lords, 1804 and 1805.

† See p. 27.

"I am come to town but a few days from spending the Christmas with General Cockburn; we had an agreeable party and not too numerous. The house at last is nearly finished, very warm and pleasant, irregular, and upstairs and downstairs enough to satisfy Lord St. Helen's, who used to declare he was quite sick and tired at the exact square rooms and houses, the neat paper and girandoles of this country, and longed to see one of the old rambling mansions in England.

"I found on coming to town we had lost our Rector; young Mr. Rush, a good sprightly boy, has now the care of our best concerns. It is hard on poor Beresford; only hope he may not be *much* the worse of the change.

"Wishing your Lordship and Mrs. Percy the usual compliments, I am, with great respect, your most humble servant,
ANDREW CALDWELL."

"Extract of letter from Lady M. W. Montague to the Countess of Bute. Vol. V. p. 7.

"Venice, Nov. 8, 1756.

"Some few months before Lord William Hamilton married, there appeared a foolish song, said to be wrote by a poetical great lady, who I really think was the character of Lady Arabella, in the Female Quixote (without the beauty): you may imagine such a conduct, at court, made him superlatively ridiculous. Lady Delawarr, a woman of great merit, with whom I lived in much intimacy, showed this fine performance to me; we were very merry in supposing what answer Lord William would make to these passionate addresses; she bid me to say something for a poor man, who had nothing to say for himself. I wrote, *extempore*, on the back of the song, some stanzas that went perfectly well to the tune. She promised they should never appear as mine, and faithfully kept her word. By what accident they have fallen into the hands of that *thing* Dodsley,* I know not, but he has printed them as addressed, by me, to the last man I should have addressed them to, and my own words as his answer. I do not believe either Job or Socrates ever had such a provocation."

* The verses here alluded to are printed in Dodsley's Collection, vol. VI. pp. 246, 247. They are headed "Lady Mary Wortley Montague to Sir William Yonge," and "Sir William Yonge's Answer."

Bishop PERCY to ANDREW CALDWELL, Esq.

“ DEAR SIR,

Dromore House, May 28, 1805.

“ When I reflect what a length of time has elapsed since I was favoured with your last obliging letter, I scarce know how to offer an apology; but the failure of my sight makes me proceed so slowly in all necessary business, and I have much both official and financial, that I am obliged to trespass upon the indulgence of my friends beyond all bounds.

“ On considering your remarks on the narrative of the Athenian Stuart’s* escape, I perfectly coincided with you in opinion on Mr. Malone’s corrections, and should have preferred what you had suggested to his alterations. I only regret that the subject was not mentioned to me, that I might have made the corrections myself. However, the ‘Narrative’ may pass if it be understood that I did not write it, but that you kindly committed to paper what you heard me relate, from recollection; and then a candid reader will pardon your omission of the circumstance of Stuart’s Greek servant, who he told me was so weary and careless that, when they laid themselves down to sleep in the corner of the caravansary, he could not be prevailed upon to keep himself awake a moment, and he left him behind when he made his escape. Such was his relation, and it will be hardly credited that Stuart would travel through that country without an attendant of his own; and, as the bashaw wanted to have him thrown by a vicious horse, the testimony of a servant might be adduced that he was not assassinated, &c. All this will deserve consideration if the ‘Narrative,’ should ever be reprinted.

“ I had, not long since, a letter from Mr. Charles Goldsmith, who for near a year past has been in such a declining state of health as sufficiently accounts for my never hearing from him; but he still refers all letters and inquiries to his friend in Fenchurch-street, whom you could not find. I directed my answer to him thither, but

* James Stuart, Esq. died Feb. 2, 1788, in his 76th year. See Memoir of him in *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. IX. pp. 143—147. In Mr. Da Costa’s memorandum, he says the day of Stuart’s death was Friday, February 1. (See *Gent. Mag.* LXXXII. i. 517.)

have not heard from him since ; so perhaps my letter has failed as much as your inquiries.

"I have now a particular request to make you. That you will have the goodness to search in Warton's edition of Pope's Works for a note concerning Dean Swift, in which he says a letter of Swift to Lord Wharton, when Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in a very submissive style of low supplication (I quote from memory), had been seen by the very respectable Dr. Salter,* &c. Pray copy out the note for me. I knew Salter personally ; a very shallow coxcomb, to whom I am sorry to see Dr. Warton thus endeavour to give unmerited consequence, in order to support this posthumous attack on Swift's character, which I think was also noticed and refuted many years ago in the Gentleman's Magazine.†

"Pray see also if there be not another note reflecting on Queen Caroline, who was the medium of the correspondence between Dr. Clarke and Liebnitz, and fond of literary pursuits ; as if this made her slovenly in her person and careless in her dress, the very contrary of which was the truth.‡ Pray transcribe the note for me if you find it.

"When you see Mr. Colvill present my respects to him, and ask him if he has heard for some time past anything of Mr. Robert White, if he be still living, &c. That gentleman came over to Ireland many years ago to conduct some business for Mr. Alexander. Ask him if this was a brother, or other near relation of the late Lord Caledon.

"THOMAS DROMORE."

ANDREW CALDWELL, Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Dublin, July 16, 1805.

"I cannot express the pleasure I received from the last letter with which you favoured me. Such a length of time had passed without hearing from you, I began to feel some alarms about the state of your health, and also to have fears lest I had incurred your displeasure by printing Stuart's Narrative ; those, however, you have had the goodness to dispel.

* Of Dr. Samuel Salter see Memoir in Literary Anecdotes, vol. III. pp. 221—225 ; and vol. VII. p. 367.

† In Gent. Mag. March 1790, p. 189. See hereafter in this volume, p. 83.

‡ Not so generally believed.—J. M.

"That matter was done hastily, and things done hastily are generally wrong. I was just setting out for England, and so importuned by some friends, particularly General Cockburn,* who was most vehement, that I consented with some reluctance. Of those I first printed I gave Mr. Malone one. He liked the anecdote much; but, observing some faults in the style, he undertook to correct it, and print one hundred copies, and the former ones were cancelled. I ought first to have consulted your Lordship, and I blame myself much for not doing so; however, the note at the end makes it clear that it was not written by your Lordship, but by me from recollection of what you had related. The circumstance of the Greek servant it would have been better to have inserted, but you might easily overlook it when you considered the paper as a mere memorandum, and not intended to go further.

"I inclose your Lordship an exact copy of Warton's Note relative to Swift, and also a few lines from the third volume of Stuart's Athens. It was not published when the 'Narrative' was committed to writing. The two latter volumes did not come out till long after Stuart's death, and were only made up of notes and scraps that the author left unfinished and not digested. One circumstance strongly confirms your Lordship's account, but varies a little with regard to the ministry of the Grand Signior, and is not material. It is probable Stuart would have mentioned the exact particulars had he lived to complete his work.

"After a considerable search through Warton's edition of Pope, I can find no passage reflecting on Queen Caroline; yet some where or other I have seen a malignant allusion to her. On the Verses on Artemisia, Warton's only remark is, that they were an imitation of Lord Dorset, and there is a note about him. A scrap of paper of my writing says they were supposed to be against Queen Caroline, but does not mention where I picked that up, nor can I possibly recollect. Pope in the last volume gives a pretty account of her Majesty's death in a letter to Mr. Allen. Warton observes his encomium of her was inconsistent with what he said of her in several passages of his works. Where these passages are I have not yet

* Gen. Sir George Cockburn, G. C. H., died Aug. 18, 1847, aged 84. See Memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* vol. XXVIII. p. 539.

been fortunate enough to find. I have also searched through Swift's Works, the last edition, but could not observe any note or circumstance disrespectful to the Queen, only a few complaints of her inattention to him. Pope, by making choice of the name Artemisia, I should conjecture had some widow lady in view : or perhaps the personage was altogether fictitious, thought of only for the purpose of imitating Lord Dorset. Many people have suspected that the 'unfortunate lady' was entirely fabricated, as a good subject for some pathetic verses ; and it is remarkable that, though Lord Bolingbroke anxiously inquired who she was, Pope never took notice of that, or made any answer. I read some very fine verses a few days ago in the Dublin Journal, on a certain Ivy Bower. I have put them up amongst my treasures. I wish I had been the author, as he exactly expresses all my sentiments. I am glad to see there is more than one good poet in your neighbourhood.

"Mr. Colvill informs me that Mr. White was sent over to Dublin many years ago by Mr. Alexander, a gentleman of Edinburgh, but not at all related to any of the Londonderry Alexanders. Mr. White was sent to manage the claims of Mr. Alexander on occasion of a great bankruptcy here of one Fitzgerald. Mr. White conducted the business with much diligence and application, and after all does not believe there was paid above two pence in the pound. White was appointed one of the stewards to the Duke of Northumberland. Colvill last saw him in 1791. He was then living at Hampstead, and had married a widow with a very good income. He thinks he can scarcely be living at present.

ANDREW CALDWELL."

Stuart's Athens, vol. III. cap. 9, p. 53.

"We shall now take our leave of Athens, where the turbulences which arose on the death of Bekir, the chief of the black eunuchs, occasioned some obstruction to our pursuits ; and the insolent rapacity of the Greek, who was our Consul there, rendered it necessary for us to procure better protection, or at least a renewal of that with which Sir James Porter had furnished us. To solicit this, I set out for Constantinople ; *but an untoward circumstance obliged me to stop by the way*, and retire to Thessalonica, where it was my good fortune to find Mr. Paradise, our Consul, who received me with the most cordial hospi-

talities; I shall always remember with pleasure and gratitude the many kind offices for which I am indebted to him."

"He says afterwards, the plague raging violently put a stop to his intended expedition to Constantinople, and that he and Mr. Revett agreed to go to Smyrna."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, Nov. 18, 1805.

"The auction of Prime Serjeant Browne's books came on this day.* I stepped in by accident, and looking at No. 55, Langbaine's 'Dramatic Poets, with MS. Notes by Oldys,' observed your name, and dated Northumberland House; I instantly claimed it for you, and request your immediate directions by return of the post. Vallance said Serjeant Browne bound this book (half bound) two years ago, and therefore it must be Browne's; he could not get it any way unless you made it a present, and I know you sometimes lent him books, and desired he might get them bound before they were returned. I delivered a message from your Lordship to him about some Spanish books, and his excuse for keeping them was the delay of the binder. This book, from the slight inspection I could give, seems valuable, and I should hardly think you would part with it; however, let me know your commands. The next number, 56, 'British Theatre, with MS. Additions,' perhaps may be yours also. I could not look into that book, but you will declare whether it belongs to you or not. Some people when you lend books can never bear to return them, satisfying themselves with always intending it; but that is very wrong, and no excuse.

"The fourth edition of the 'Reliques,' unbound, sold for £1 15s. That work seems not likely to depreciate.

"I have been so unsettled and such a wanderer for more than three months in the country, not in England, that I had it not absolutely in my power to write to your Lordship. Believe me, though with agreeable friends and very pleasant, I should much rather, had it been in my choice, have spent the time at Dromore House.

"I beg you will set me down as a subscriber to your Robinson; and, now that I am settled in town, I shall endeavour to solicit subscriptions for him.

"ANDREW CALDWELL."

* Arthur Browne, esq. D.C.L. appointed Prime Serjeant Dec. 29, 1802; died in 1805. See *Gent. Mag.* LXXV. 878.

"MY LORD,

Dublin, Dec. 26, 1805.

"A few days ago a print from London carefully put up between pasteboards and directed for your Lordship, was left here, but no name or message whatever. I presume some friend sends it to you, concluding that I might be likely to meet with an opportunity of conveying it to Dromore. The print is a sarcasm on Ritson. I cannot say that much wit or drollery is displayed; the subject was not enlivening and rather obscure; he is surrounded with carrots and cabbages, and on the ground lies the *Reliques*. A print of poor Warton, with a knife and fork stuck in his belly; the meaning of this I do not understand.

"I am ashamed to say how remiss I have been about the Provost.* I have not seen him since I came to town early in October. If Langbaine be not sent away, I shall request him to allow me to look it over, and believe your Lordship will not object. ANDREW CALDWELL."

"MY DEAR LORD BISHOP,

Shanganna, Friday, Sept. 5,
1806.

"Your letter received this day was a most enlivening cordial; that I am sometimes remembered, and that you wish to hear from me, is more gratifying to my feelings than I can find words to express. I reproach myself severely for delaying to write so long; I have repeatedly intended it, but your Lordship's kindness has been beforehand with me. Let me now give an account of myself, that I may get rid of that part of my letter. I have commenced country gentleman these last six weeks. General Cockburn being appointed to the command of a district in the north of England, may probably be absent for a considerable time. He has lent me his country house, a pleasant place close by the sea, a mile from Bray, on the Dublin side. It has a laughably barbarous name, *Shanganna*, that made a member of Parliament, when I was last in England, start, and hesitate when I asked for a frank. The General and Mrs. Cockburn are now settled at Sunderland; not an agreeable situation, but more to his mind than Newcastle. In the course of their travels, they

* Dr. John Kearney; elected fellow of Trinity college in 1764; became Professor of Oratory in 1781, and soon after a senior fellow. In 1792 he was appointed Provost, and in 1806 was consecrated Bishop of Ossory. He died at his palace at Kilkenny, May 22, 1813, in his 72d year.

have contrived to see most of the fine seats in their way. He speaks highly of a place that I never heard of before, called the *Dean*, belonging to a Mr. Burdon,* member for the county [Durham]; it is in the style of the Dargle or Hackfall, but superior, being three miles long, and terminated by the sea. The gentleman, who is highly esteemed, was concerned in a Bank at Newcastle, and, as the world say, had rappish partners. The house broke lately, and, from £9,000 a year, he is completely ruined. The estate happily was settled, so can only be sold for his life; and his wife has £500 a year of her own and independent. He is so much liked, it is proposed to purchase the Dean and £500 a-year more, and give it to him, much to the credit of him and his friends. The General unfortunately met him walking with two little children, but so dejected, it was distressing to see him; he seemed to be taking leave of the place.

“Though engaged at present partly with farming superintendence, and partly with expectation of visits from some friends, I will propose to indulge myself with the happiness of a visit to Dromore House, and when in my power to fix a time I shall write again to your Lordship. It does not signify that the days may be short, my object is to enjoy your Lordship’s company and conversation. I have had for two months past a complaint in my left eye, that is troublesome, a small speck like a fly continually waving before me; it does not in the least affect my reading or writing; but when I walk and look about at a variety of objects it is very disagreeable.

“I am just engaged in Mr. Dutens’ *Memoirs*, whom you must have been acquainted with. I have only finished the first volume. I cannot say that as yet there is any thing of much importance or interesting, but it reminds one of many slight matters long since passed away, and many persons we knew or heard much of.

“I got through the six volumes of Mr. Johnes’s *Froissart*, but must own it was a great toil; not but that there are a great variety of interesting passages, and he describes the manners and habits of the age so particularly as is very amusing. I take him to have been a most complete courtier; he wrote to flatter great Lords, and on the most trivial occasion he mentions minutely all the Sir Bertrands, Sir Henrys, Sir Johns, &c. and describes their heraldry.

* Rowland Burdon, esq. member for the county of Durham in the Parliaments of 1790, 1796, and 1802. He died Sept. 17, 1838, aged 82.

They were most deplorable times, however; a universal false idea prevailed, that no true glory was to be acquired but by fighting and slaughtering.

"The interleaved Langbaine did please and amuse me exceedingly; I have long been expecting your Lordship would have thought of some safe hand to bring it back to you.

"Malone told me he copied all the notes from the original, and has added besides three times as many as all his predecessors; and, what is extraordinary, has collected every play mentioned, except four or five; such is the advantage of living in London.

"The Bishop of Ossory,* our late Provost, I suppose is come from England, and is probably at Kilkenny. I regret much not having seen him; I should have heard some pleasant literary news from him. He has moved his books to Kilkenny, and means to stay there entirely. I should think he will find a want of suitable society; it is a place rather dissipated than agreeable.

"Dublin seems very dull and deserted. I do not hear any thing relative to politics. The town will be better next winter, that is, the streets; they are actually undergoing a universal new paving.

"The Emperor of Germany's resignation is very affecting; though it may not concern our political safety, yet we cannot help grieving for the disgrace of an ancient venerable house, for the rooting up the last vestiges of the great Roman empire, that we have been habituated from infancy to respect and admire. Something of this must have been foreseen and intended; it explains why the title of Emperor of Austria was created; I wondered much at that circumstance. What mean, base ministers must guide these unfortunate princes, who are, I suppose, incapable of acting by themselves!

"My sister joins me in best respects to Mrs. Percy.

"ANDREW CALDWELL."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, March 4, 1807.

"I have been in the country since the 1st of August, and have to regret that I missed Dr. Percy, who left the Letter you favoured me with in Cavendish-row; had I been so fortunate as to have known of his arrival in Dub-

* Dr. Kearney; see p. 62.

lin, perhaps I could have tempted him to give me a few days, and let me shew him the beauties of a place that we here consider as amongst our best.

"I am no stranger to the affecting circumstance* that has occurred in your family, though I heard of it but a short time before we left the country; it would ill become me to suggest ideas of consolation to one so capable of supplying them himself, and so much my superior in every respect. Highly interested as I feel in whatever regards your Lordship's welfare, and sensible of the honour of your friendship, I hope to be indulged with a few lines by your amanuensis, to inform me how you are as to health and tranquillity; I could wish to hear something of former cheerfulness returning, and that you can enjoy a book being read, and a friend conversing. I hope Mrs. Meade either has or will soon be able to stay with you; her attentions and company will be the greatest comfort.

"The ingenious and amiable Mrs. Charlotte Smith died lately;† her lot in this life was, I fear, a hard one. I became acquainted with her in the year 1799, and she favoured me with three or four letters; her daughter wrote to me the other day to request them, as she was preparing some of her mother's works, and an account of her life, for publication.

"I believe your Lordship scarcely remembers that your curious Langbaine is still in my keeping. If Dr. Percy be still in England, and expected over soon, I should hope he would let me know of his arrival, and he would be the proper person to carry it to Dromore. A. CALDWELL."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, May 5, 1807.

"I have been a good deal involved of late in domestic cares and distresses. My poor sister died the beginning of last March; she had been many years in an infirm state of health; life indeed could not be of much enjoyment in her situation, but the loss of an innocent friend to whom we were long habituated cannot but be felt by her sisters and me.

"It is highly gratifying to me that you express a wish to renew the correspondence with which you had some-

* Death of Mrs. Percy, Dec. 30, 1806. See vol. VII. p. 68.

† This elegant poetess died Oct. 28, 1806, aged 57. See Chalmers's Biographical Dictionary.

times indulged me ; there shall be no failure, on my part, when any circumstance occurs that may seem amusing.

“ The Marquis of Lansdowne’s MSS. it is said are to be purchased for the British Museum ; it is very proper they should be preserved there, as they relate entirely to our History and Law. Malone sent me over the first volume of the Catalogue ; it has been drawn up with great accuracy and industry, and well arranged ; I hope the second volume will come out.

“ Isaac Reed’s and Mr. Brand’s books, &c. will both be very curious, and the Catalogues are to be very carefully digested. Malone says he will be broke. We are happily constituted, that, notwithstanding the daily instances of the instability and insignificance of all human concerns, yet still we that are left behind go on as eagerly with our pursuits as if they were of certain value and durability.

“ The fire at Mr. Johnes’s at Hafod has been a public calamity ; he had lately made an addition of a fine library in Italy, with a most choice and complete collection of Aldus’s ; it was but just put up, and all is gone. Poor fellow ! he writes to Cooper Walker that he is stunned, but not knocked down. His materials for an Appendix to Froissart, and curious documents from Breslaw, are all perished.

“ I hope you will at last receive your Langbaine safe ; I wonder if Malone ever saw this copy. Your Lordship has made many valuable additions ; he says he has done more than all his predecessors ; he is continually adding to the notes.

“ The auction at Lord Clonmel’s engages the town ; the rooms are as fine as stucco, gilding, glasses, carpets, &c. can make them ; much too fine for comfort ; not a particle in the whole house would tempt me to break a commandment ; all is clean and new, and for all the expense the rooms were never opened more than twice.

“ You mentioned you were about having an operation tried on your eyes ; I wish you would go to London for that purpose. I met some years ago at my brother’s one Mr. Roddam, brother to Admiral Roddam ; he had undergone the operation about six weeks before, and entirely recovered sight, walked every where through London, but had not then ventured to read ; his sister had also the same success ; he said the operation was disagreeable but not painful.

ANDREW CALDWELL.

"There is and has been many debates in London, whether the Princess of Wales should publish her case or not; her Privy Councillors and advisers are not agreed about it. My humble opinion would be to let things remain quiet and drop. One cannot help observing that the King, who used to be her great friend and protector, has not for a long time taken notice of her, nor any of the royal family. It is said the Prince of Wales was out of humour with the late ministers, because they discouraged proceedings or publications relative to the lady; we shall see what the new old ministers will do.

"A foolish book, 'The Wild Irish Girl,' has been read here by most people; there is a note about an old harper, one Hampson, that is really entertaining; it is in the third volume, and the only passage in the whole work worth notice. I dare say you may borrow it in the neighbourhood; the note, I believe, was wrote by Sampson, brother to the exile. I suppose your Lordship has had Dutens' late publication, the 'Voyageur en repos;' it is translated into English, but my copy is the French."

"MY LORD,

Dublin, 6 April, 1808.

"Though I have not allowed myself the pleasure of writing to you for a long time past, yet I have always availed myself of any opportunity to inquire about your Lordship's health, and have had great satisfaction in hearing that you were well and in good spirits. I cannot give the same account of myself. I came to town the beginning of November not well, and have been an invalid with a bilious stomach ever since. I have scarcely ever gone out,—never in the evening,—or to dine abroad. I am now, however, considerably better, and hope, when the weather becomes milder, to recruit entirely.

"Mr. Malone has printed a few observations upon the probable origin of 'The Tempest,' and sent me one copy for myself, and another to be transmitted to your Lordship. His conjectures show his acuteness and diligent research; but I should imagine that, though the voyage of Sir George Somers* might have suggested the original hint to Shakespeare, there has been some history or novel not

* Mr. Malone accordingly supposes the Tempest to have been written in 1611; but this opinion is very ably investigated by Mr. Hunter, in vol. I. of his New Illustrations of Shakspeare, 8vo. 1845, who gives to the Comedy the date of 1596.

yet discovered that may have supplied some of the remarkable incidents, such as those of Ferdinand and Miranda.

"I do not hear of any interesting publication lately. Political pamphlets are in plenty, but I have not patience for such dull reading, and look on them all as trash.

"Many people are anxious about 'Fox's History;' but it is only a fragment, and can hardly contain any new facts. His bad health came on, and he was disappointed in the search for materials, the principal ones being destroyed during the fury of the Revolution.

"General Cockburn, who has been two years absent on the Staff in Sunderland, is just come over on a short leave; he desires to be particularly remembered with much regard to your Lordship. He spent a day at Alnwick Castle, where the family made many inquiries about your Lordship, and expressed great esteem; but much the contrary about Mr. Dutens, whose book they had been reading, and who is quite out of favour. The Duke of Northumberland could not come out of his room, and is generally in a bad state of health. The Duchess was very desirous to get authentic particulars about a young man, one Magauron, who had innocently been the occasion of some alarm to the late Duke and Duchess. By the General's desire I applied to Mr. Colvill, but he has forgotten all the circumstances, and referred me to your Lordship. If you please to mention what you recollect I shall communicate it to General Cockburn, who is to return to Sunderland the beginning of May.

"ANDREW CALDWELL."

CHARLES CALDWELL, Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, 12, Rutland-square, Dublin, July 13, 1808.

"With deep concern, I have the painful task of informing your Lordship, that my worthy good brother, Andrew, departed this life on Saturday the 2d instant, early in the morning, at Shanganna, the seat of General Cockburn, near Bray. He had been in a declining state for some months, but went off at last rather rapidly.

"I have the honour to be, with great respect, your Lordship's most obedient humble servant,

"CHA. CALDWELL."

General COCKBURN to Bishop PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD,

Chelmsford, 15 August, 1808.

"You have, no doubt, before this heard of the death of your old friend, my worthy uncle, Mr. Caldwell. When I took leave of him last May, I had no idea he was so near his end. He went with Mrs. Cockburn to my house in the country, and I flattered myself country air might at least bring him through the summer. His age was 76.

"I have been moved from the northern to the eastern district, and am stationed at this town. Indeed, in point of climate it is a change for the better. Of the hospitality of the neighbourhood I cannot boast; but I had no good friend to introduce me, as I remember having had in your Lordship at Northampton.

"All the regiments of the line here are under orders for Spain and Portugal; and I think there is now reasonable prospect of some stop to French atrocity, and perhaps of better times for Europe than those we have witnessed.

"I remain, my dear Lord, with the greatest regard,
your faithful humble servant, G. COCKBURN."*

JOHN NICHOLS, ESQ., F.S.A.

* * A series of Correspondence between Bishop Percy and Mr. Nichols is given in the Literary Illustrations, vol. VI. pp. 564 to 591. Most of the following Letters have come into the possession of the Editor since that volume was printed; and many of them are answers, or have reference to, the Letters which have already appeared.

Mr. NICHOLS to the Rev. Dr. PERCY, Dean of Carlisle.

"GOOD SIR,

July 7, 1781.

"I hope that both you and Mrs. Percy arrived safely and well at the Deanery, and am exceedingly obliged by your kind remembrance of Mrs. Nichols and the children.

* See p. 59.

My eldest boy (John Bowyer Nichols) is at Hinckley. My young one (whom out of respect to his worthy god-father,* and not without a thought of the good old Vicar of Hinckley, we have named *Thomas Cleiveland*,)† is a fine hearty boy, and likely to live,‡ to thank you for the kindness you have done him. Mrs. Nichols begs leave to return her heartiest compliments and thanks.

"The Bishop of Ely§ died last night. I wish the King would permit *me* to name his successor. J. NICHOLS."

"DEAR SIR,

Sept. 1, 1781.

"At the end of my eighth volume of Poems I am printing some additional notes. On volume VII. two or three notes occur, which (as they relate to Cleiveland) I beg leave to submit to your revisal.

"I am much obliged by your thoughts on the Notes on Cleiveland; and am printing some few 'Particulars of the History of Hinckley,' in which I shall introduce memoirs of such eminent men as have been born or resided there. As my limits are unbounded, I shall be as copious as I can both on the *Vicar* and the *Poet*, and shall of course submit to your better judgment whatever is said of either. I intend going to Hinckley for a few days on Monday sevensnight.

"Mr. Gough is getting forward with Camden's 'Britannia,' and will soon reach Middlesex. I cannot say so much for Dr. Kippis.|| Dr. Nash's 'Worcestershire' has arrived at letter S.

"Having met with some curious original Letters of Bishop Atterbury, I am printing them (with such as are scattered in various collections) in an 8vo volume, to which I shall prefix his Life.¶ J. NICHOLS."

"GOOD SIR,

Oct. 12, 1781.

"I have received the favour you sent me from Carlisle, and thank you for the corrections in the Genealogy. There

* Bishop Percy.

† The Rev. T. Cleiveland was Vicar of Hinckley, 1621 to 1652, when he died. He was father of Cleiveland, the poet.

‡ He died April 2, 1782.

§ Bishop Edmund Keene. See Literary Anecdotes, vol. IV. pp. 322—4, 721; vol. VII. pp. 213, 607.

|| The Biographia Britannica.

¶ Mr. Nichols published two editions of The Epistolary Correspondence of Bishop Atterbury, the last in five volumes 8vo. See Literary Anecdotes, VI. 633.

will be a good opportunity (and I shall with pleasure embrace it) of introducing my little *poetical* cousin. You shall see the whole of what is said about the Cleivlands.

"I approve of your proposal for a joint venture, and I hope we may repair our losses with advantage. I shall buy *a ticket* on the Saturday before the drawing (unless you wish it bought sooner), and you shall know the number by that night's post.

"You desired me some time ago to watch for your name in the papers. You will see by the opposite leaf, not only that I have done so, but that there is some dirty retainer on the Public Advertiser, who would, if he could, be your enemy.

"I have the honour to be, with true respect, your most obliged and ever faithful servant, J. NICHOLS."

"Extracts from Public Advertiser, Oct. 6, 1781.

'The Dean of Carlisle, Dr. Percy, has been in the course of this summer a good while at Alnwick, rummaging the archives for materials to carry on the History of the Family of Percy.'

'Oct. 11, 1781.

'Dr. Percy, failing to succeed on the late vacancy to the prebend of Westminster, indicates most decisively that the Northumberland interest is far gone in a decline.'

"I wish I had more agreeable articles to copy."

"MY GOOD LORD,

April 10, 1784.

"I hope your Lordship and Mrs. Percy enjoy your healths in Ireland.

"Your excellent nephew* called on me this week (as he often does) and is quite well; as is his father,† whom I saw lately.

"My family has been this year increased by a daughter, born January 30. Mrs. Nichols (who desires her respectful compliments to your Lordship and family) is at present at Hinckley.

"I thank your Lordship for the intended information about General Davenport. By the indefatigable attention of Dr. Calder, the *Tatlers* begin to make some progress.

"I remain, &c.

J. NICHOLS."

"Lord Bishop of Dromore, at Dromore, Ireland."

* Dr. Percy. See vol. VII. pp. 54, 192.

† Anthony Percy; died Nov. 7, 1795, aged 64. See vol. VII. pp. 248, 276.

"MY GOOD LORD,

May 14, 1785.

"By the remembrance your Lordship was so kind as to send me through Mr. Pinkerton, it is evident that some more of my Letters must have been mis-sent, owing probably to their being directed to Dublin. But, though I have not had lately the honour of a regular correspondence with your Lordship, I have neglected no opportunity of inquiring after your health and good Mrs. Percy's, whenever I met with a friend who was likely to inform me. Mr. Anthony Percy I frequently see, and his very steady and promising son; and I have occasionally heard of your Lordship by Mr. Malone, Mr. Hoole, Mr. Steevens, &c. &c. and have had the pleasure of seeing in the public prints the well-earned popularity your Lordship has so deservedly obtained in Ireland.

"Happening a few days ago to be at Leicester, I went to Syston, a neighbouring village, to call upon a friend; who, returning with me to Leicester, showed me some good land at Thurmaston, on which I am happy to congratulate your Lordship; and on my mentioning to him that I had the honour of being known to you, he took me to a particular field (which I believe is detached from the rest, and stands in Syston parish) which is to be let, and which he would be glad to take. Well knowing him to be an honest substantial man, and presuming on your Lordship's favour, if no more immediately preferable tenant should offer, I ventured to tell him that I would take an opportunity of asking you to let it to him; which, however, I submit entirely to your Lordship's better judgment. My friend has a son in business with him as a maltster and farmer. Their address is, Messrs. Joseph and Thomas Moore, Syston, near Leicester.

"By the opportunity of my friend Mr. Hoole, I sent lately some small parcels which had been accumulating at Northumberland House, and with them a specimen of *the Tatlers*, of which the sixth volume is now printing, and which the editors would be happy (if your Lordship will permit) to inscribe to the Bishop of Dromore.

"The 'Works of Dr. Johnson' are printing in a handsome octavo edition, to be ushered in with a Life by Sir John Hawkins. Another Life is preparing by Mr. Boswell, and a third by Mrs. Piozzi (the late Mrs. Thrale.) The Gentleman's Magazine meantime throws out original Letters, Anecdotes, &c. *pro bono publico*.

"Mrs. Nichols begs leave to join me in very respectful compliments to Mrs. Percy and the young ladies. Since I had the honour of seeing your Lordship, my family has twice received an increase, and is now increasing.

"I have the honour to be, &c. J. NICHOLS."

"MY DEAR LORD, April 22, 1786.

"It gives me no small pleasure to find that your Lordship, amidst the many more important concerns you are engaged in, still continues to delight in the cultivation of Polite Literature. I have not yet seen Dr. Kippis; but I shall make him happy by the communication* of the assistance your Lordship so kindly promises for De Foe, Goldsmith, and Lye. When may we hope to see the improved edition of 'Goldsmith'?"

"A set of the 'Tatlers,' which were published on Wednesday last, awaits your Lordship's order as to the mode of conveyance. And it will give Dr. Calder, as well as myself, much pleasure if the execution meets your Lordship's approbation. The 'Spectator' will follow as soon as the nature of it will allow. We shall hope to be favoured with your Lordship's hints and remarks, and with the communication of some Notes by Swift, which your Lordship formerly mentioned.

"Many thanks for your Lordship's effectual recommendation of my Syston friend. He is a good farmer and an honest man.

"It would have been a great pleasure to hear that Mrs. Percy and the Misses Percy were well; but I conclude and hope they are so. I had the pleasure of seeing your fine nephew well about three days since. He is going, I hope soon, to Oxford.

"Dr. Nash and Mr. Wodhull have lately made kind inquiries after your Lordship.

"My family are all well; and unite in most respectful service to your Lordship and all your household.

"I have the honour, &c. J. NICHOLS."

The following is in answer to a Letter in Literary Illustrations, vol. VI. p. 579.

"MY GOOD LORD, May 22, 1783.

"I am infinitely indebted to your Lordship's goodness for the very friendly proof of kind attention with which

* To the Biographia Britannica.

you have honoured me. My loss * is indeed extreme ; as, independently of the ordinary good qualities which are oftener sought than obtained, she possessed a thousand excellences peculiarly her own. Your Lordship will pardon this garrulity, which your friendship has drawn forth. Happily I have two daughters grown up to an age to act as mothers to my young ones ; one, † married to the Rev. John Pridden, F.S.A. ; the other ‡ turned of seventeen.

“ My second family consists of: 1. John-Bowyer, born in 1779. 2. Martha-Sadelbia, § 1782. 3. Mary, || 1784. 4. Isabella, 1785. 5. Anne-Susannah, born 1788, Feb. 15, fourteen days before her mother’s death.

“ Most heartily do I rejoice that Providence has preserved your Lordship from a similar affliction.

“ I many years ago, at your Lordship’s request, took into my warehouse the whole impressions of ‘ Buckingham’ and ‘ Surrey,’ which if I had not done, they would have been all burnt in Tonson’s old warehouse, ¶ as was the case with the two volumes of ‘ Spectator,’ printed formerly under your Lordship’s inspection ; of which the whole quantity are consumed. If these volumes of ‘ Surrey,’ &c. are at some time to be turned to waste paper, I could wish I had your Lordship’s authority for doing so at present ; as they really take up room (and have long done so) which I want for other purposes ; and put me to some expense.

“ Dr. Calder’s address is at Furnival’s Inn.

“ The story told by Mr. Parker is precisely narrated in Gent. Mag. 1787, p. 194 ; to which I can only add that he appeared a very serious man ; and said the proofs and examinations were still existing in the Dobbs family. He mentioned no particular informant, but spoke of the vouchers as from his own knowledge.

“ I am, &c.

J. NICHOLS.”

* The death of Mrs. Nichols, Feb. 29, 1788. See Gent. Mag. LVIII. p. 274.

† Anne, wife of the Rev. J. Pridden, died Nov. 12, 1815. See Gent. Mag. LXXXV. ii. 477.

‡ Mrs. Sarah Nichols, died Jan. 13, 1843. See Gent. Mag. 2d series, XIX. 215.

§ Miss Martha-Sadelbia Nichols, died April 19, 1816. See Gent. Mag. LXXXVI. i. 382.

|| The wife of John Morgan, esq. See Gent. Mag. LXXIV. ii. 600. Mr. Morgan died April 11, 1832. See Gent. Mag. CII. ii. 378.

¶ At a fire in the Savoy.

MR. NICHOLS to the GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE.

"MR. URBAN,

March 4, 1787.

"To comply with the wishes of R. H. in p. 103, accept this brief statement of the transaction he inquires after. Whatever pleasantry may have passed on the doubt whether the present Prebendary of Kilroot be now alive, you may be assured the following information was given to me, about Christmas 1784, by the Rev. Mr. Parker, who was then Prebendary of Kilroot, and seemed far from wishing to depreciate the character of his deservedly famous predecessor. I believe I am giving his very words; I am sure I give their exact import.

"Speaking of Swift's general character, as a writer, a patriot, and a private man, the subject of his marriage with Mrs. Johnson, a striking epoch in the Dean's life, came naturally into discourse; and one of the reasons very commonly assigned for Swift's neglect of her (which no one who is acquainted with his history will require to be told here) was in consequence mentioned.

"Mr. P. on this pleasantly observed, that he could scarcely suppose that to be the reason, and, in support of his opinion, assured me, that the true cause of Swift's quitting his first preferment was a love-adventure, in which he was more gallant than has been commonly supposed. In short, he was accused of attempting a rape; and the original examinations on this business are said to be preserved in the Dobbs family. The living (or prebend as it is usually called) of Kilroot is in the county of Antrim, about seven miles from Belfast; it was worth in Swift's time 100*l.* a year; and is now worth from 160*l.* to 170*l.*

"Such simply, Mr. Urban, is the whole story, and such the authority on which it stands; and, when the occasion which produced the anecdote from his successor is recollected, will it tell very much against him, or deserve the clamour that has been raised about it? An almost idolizer of Swift as I have always shewn myself, I should not have scrupled inserting it in any account of him that I might have had occasion to give to the public; and from me the Annotator on the Tatler received the information. The particulars of Lord Wharton (quoted in *Gent. Mag.* vol. LVI. p. 694) from the late Dr. Salter, were printed literally from his own hand-writing; and the letters of the

Lords Somers and Wharton, there mentioned, he assured me he had read, but that they were burnt in the fire which destroyed the chambers of the Hon. Charles Yorke.

“I shall trespass no longer on the patience of your readers, than to add, that in June 1694 Swift (then being only 27, and a layman) had left Sir W. Temple about a month, not on the most friendly terms, and with intentions of ‘being ordained in September, and making what endeavour he could for something in the Church;’ that he obtained Kilroot as soon as he was ordained, and quitted it 1696; that the Earl of Wharton was not made Lord Lieutenant till 1709; and that Swift’s ‘Ballad on the Dean of Ferns’ was not written till 1730; a period of 34 years’ distance from the time when this supposed youthful indiscretion had been committed; and which, having so long lain dormant among the papers of a private family, he had little reason to expect would be revived; or, conscious perhaps that the charge (which had never come to open trial) was much exaggerated, he might be perfectly indifferent about it. It is certain that a few years only after (in 1700) he paid his addresses to a lady of family in the North of Ireland, and wrote to her one of the best letters in the whole collection of his works.

“Yours, &c. J. N.”

Bishop PERCY to Mr. NICHOLS.

“DEAR SIR,

10 Nov. 1788.

“I should long since have acknowledged the favour of your Letter, but I have been much indisposed with a lingering illness, which has hung on me near two months; but, it now abating, I take up my pen to beg you will continue to give room in a corner of your warehouse to the quires of the unpublished books you mention, till I can come over, as I hope, and complete them; and I will, with the greatest pleasure, pay any demand for warehouse room, or indemnify you to the utmost for any inconvenience or loss that, as you intimate, may have attended them; and shall besides remain, dear Sir, your much obliged servant,

“THO. DROMORE.”

"DEAR SIR, Dublin, March 2, 1789.

"In consequence of a letter from Dr. Calder, which I received about Christmas, I sent him a remittance of £35 by a draught on Messrs. Burton, Forbes, and Gregory, Bankers, in Aldermanbury, payable at one month after date, which was 31st December, 1788. In my letter to him I desired him to give my kind compliments to you, and to request that you would favour me with a statement of your account, how much I was indebted to you for interest on your principal of £50, and also for warehouse-room, &c. for the unpublished sheets of two or three publications, which I have not yet completed, in consequence of my having hitherto been prevented from coming over to England, but which I never desired or intended should remain such an incumbrance to you without making you all the satisfaction in my power. From the 31st of December to this day 2d March I have been expecting every post to receive advice from Dr. Calder, that my said remittance of £35 came safe to his hands, but I have never received a line from him on the subject since. And I also wished to receive by him an account from you how much I am indebted to you: because the moment you favour me with it I shall send a remittance to pay both principal and interest due on my note of £50, on which I think three years' interest will be due on the 9th of April next, viz. £7. 10s.; and I shall, at the same time, be glad to discharge every other demand that you may have upon me, and particularly for whatever expense or inconvenience has been incurred (or may be in future, till I can dispose of them) for the bales of unpublished sheets above-mentioned. I hope, therefore, you will favour me with the same by return of post; and, if not too much trouble, I should be obliged to you if you could procure me information how much I am in arrear to the Antiquarian Society for my annual subscription, which I will, at the same time, get you to pay for me, who am, dear sir, your very obedient humble servant,

THO. DROMORE.

"P.S. Dr. Calder stated, that there was a balance due to him of £32, and I desired his acceptance of £35; which I only mention lest it should have miscarried."

Mr. NICHOLS to Bishop PERCY.

"MY GOOD LORD,

" March 3, 1789.

"Agreeably to your Lordship's commands, communicated by Dr. Calder, I take the liberty of transmitting to your Lordship the particulars of my account.

"When I assure your Lordship that, since the books have been in my custody, I have been obliged wholly to rebuild my warehouses; and that, by insuring a large sum on goods in trust, I have hitherto kept them free from risk by fire, I presume you will not think me unreasonable in wishing to be clear of them; nevertheless, I will continue to take care of them till your Lordship shall otherwise direct me.

"I hope that your Lordship's health has been good, and that the ladies are all perfectly well. My children, seven in number, are all in good health.

"I have the honour to remain, your Lordship's most faithful humble servant,
J. NICHOLS."

"MY GOOD LORD,

"Three days before I was honoured with your Lordship's favour of March 2, I wrote to your Lordship, with a statement of my account. I have now only to add, that the arrears at the Society of Antiquaries to Christmas last are six guineas, and that the subscription to Lardner is closed. The price of that work is now £3. 17s. common paper; and £5. 5s. fine paper.

"Dr. Calder* being just happily married, will plead an excuse for his not writing earlier.

"I have the honour to remain, your Lordship's most faithful humble servant,
J. NICHOLS."

Bishop PERCY to Mr. NICHOLS.

"DEAR SIR,

Dublin, 25th March, 1789.

"I have received both your letters, and also Dr. Calder's, whom I wish very happy in his marriage; but he did not do well to leave me upwards of two months in anxious suspense about the fate of my remittance.

"I hinted to you, that, upon inquiry, the story of Swift's ravishment appears to be ill-founded. Mr. Parker

* On the 24th of January 1789, Dr. John Calder married to his second wife, Miss Martha Huddleston Green, of Croydon and Sandersted. He died June 10, 1815, aged 82; and his widow died April 1, 1819, aged 76. A selection from the Correspondence of Dr. Calder was given in *Literary Illustrations*, Vol. IV. pp. 799—848.

had drawn up a narrative to exculpate himself, which I obtained a sight of, and, finding it contained a censure on you, I have got possession of the original (of which I inclose you a copy), and have kept it back some time from being published, till I can consult with you how to hit upon some statement to propose to Mr. Parker, which may do justice to Swift's memory, exculpate or satisfy Mr. Parker himself, and yet remove any blame from you. With regard to the fact itself, I have inquired of Mr. Dean Dobbs (Dean of Connor), who lives at Carrickfergus, at or near which place Swift himself resided when he was Prebendary of Kilroot, and he assures me there is not a vestige of any examination in the family, nor any remembrance or tradition that any such was ever taken by or offered to his grandfather, the Mr. Dobbs who was then justice of peace; and that, on a careful examination of the family writings at Castle Dobbs, their family seat, he could find no such thing. Yet he showed me a receipt paid for tithes by his grandfather to *Jonathan Swift*, when he had that parish, dated about 1694.

"What if some such retractation as the following, to be inserted in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, *printed in a larger character than usual*, suitable to the dignity of the subject, were offered to Mr. Parker; which I perhaps could get some of his friends to prevail on him to accept of, and so end the matter, viz.*

"Consider this matter maturely, and favour me with your answer. Justice is due to all men; much more to the illustrious dead, whose ingenious writings are bequeathed as a treasure to posterity. Now I cannot think that Swift has been fairly treated in that annotation to the *Tatler*. There seems to be wilful misrepresentation, in more respects than one. Thus the character of that shallow prater, poor Salter (one of the weakest boasters I knew, who was always affecting to retail anecdotes of great men), is magnified and raised above its true level, in order to give the greater weight to his hearsay evidence against Swift. So, again, the young woman said to be ravished is raised to the dignity of a *farmer's daughter*, without any ground even from the story, that I could ever hear, which makes no mention of her quality. This seems purposely done to increase the odium. In England the mention of a farmer's daughter suggested the idea of a

* The Bishop here gave a rough sketch of the Retracting, printed hereafter with letter of March 19, 1790, in p. 83.

decent, neat, innocent young woman, daughter of a useful, even of a respectable, member of society. There scarcely exists such a character as this in Ireland. We have no such character as the English country farmer. Our gentry are most polite, liberal, and hospitable; our linen bleachers in the North are very decent, respectable, opulent manufacturers and tradesmen; but the inferior tenants who rent the lands are generally in the North weavers, who, together with their looms—or, in the South, poor labourers, who, without looms—occupy a few acres, often not more than three or four, of which one piece of land is for potatoes, another piece for oats, and the remainder for grazing the cow; while they and their family are for the most part in rags; and the majority of such families are so ill-educated and ill-principled, that it would not be difficult to suborn one of them to swear a rape against the most virtuous, pious man living: so that, if such a charge were ever brought against Swift, it would be far more likely that Swift's satirical vein had caused some enemy to have recourse to that revenge, than that he had ever attempted the crime. And, from Justice Dobbs' having never taken any examination, it is plain that he thought so: and this is the stronger, as I have heard that Swift and he were not on good terms.

“I have even had information transmitted from a very old gentlewoman, now living, that her husband's elder brother, a clergyman, who had a cure at or near Kilroot, not many years after Swift left that county, hearing the story of the rape, made particular inquiry into it, and declared it groundless. This she told to a clergyman of my acquaintance within these three months. Adieu!

Believe me yours, &c.

T. DROMORE.

“If you should ever think proper to quote any part of my letter, I desire I may have a previous revision of anything in it you would wish to produce; and upon no account ever mention my name in relation to it, without my leave. I have picked up some curious anecdotes of Swift, which hereafter I may send you. Swift's severe ridicule of the Dissenters, who abound in the vicinity of Kilroot, would make them hate him enough to be glad to magnify any levity into a crime of the blackest die; but I am not so illiberal as to charge them with a wilful, malicious plot against him, of which they may have been wholly innocent.”

“To Mr. Deputy Nichols, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, London.”

Mr. NICHOLS to Bishop PERCY.

"MY GOOD LORD,

April 3, 1789.

"My best thanks are due to your Lordship for the friendly and judicious mode you have suggested in respect to Swift. The ill will borne to his memory by the Editor of the Tatler forced into print what I would have wished had remained unpublished; but, retracted in the handsome way you propose, it will be a credit to *all* parties. The inclosed shall appear in the first page of our next Magazine; and I send your Lordship a proof of it thus early, that it may be returned by the end of the month.* There are some other parts of your Lordship's letter which I could wish to use, but which would come better in a future Magazine, and which I will not use at all till your Lordship has seen what I shall extract from it in the state of a proof sheet.

"I remain, with great respect, my Lord, your Lordship's much obliged and very faithful servant,

"J. NICHOLS.

"P. S. April 4. Thinking it better, on consideration, that your Lordship should see the full purport of what I wished to extract, I have withheld this letter till to-day, that I might send in print what I wish to submit to your Lordship for correction.† The second letter (under its present or any other date and signature) may either accompany the first, or follow it in a succeeding month, as your Lordship may judge most suitable; and, in the mean time, till the matter is settled by your Lordship's kind correction, the whole shall be religiously secret. Again heartily thanking your Lordship for your friendship on this occasion, I beg leave to subscribe myself your most faithful servant,

J. NICHOLS."

"MY GOOD LORD,

July 2, 1789.

"Your condescending favour of June 3 came duly to me, and I would have sooner answered it, but that your Lordship was good enough to desire I would consider maturely; and I have since been at Hinckley, where I found many friends who bear respectful remembrance of the good Bishop of Dromore.

* This article was suspended till March 1790, when it appeared in a form dictated by Bp. Percy. See p. 83.

† Mr. Nichols sent with this a proof of an article he had formed from part of the preceding letter of the Bishop; but it never appeared in the Magazine.

"In the first place, let me thank your Lordship for your kind attention in respect to Mr. Parker. At your Lordship's convenience I shall be happy to have that affair adjusted. For the drawing also of Clarendon House* I am much indebted to your Lordship. It shall be used in the Magazine for August.

"For the other part of your letter, I shall be happy in any way to be the instrument of serving Mr. Goldsmith. I will print the work, if your Lordship thinks proper, *meo periculo* every way. Under your Lordship's assistance I will be the ostensible editor, and I will furnish Mr. Goldsmith gratis with 250 copies for his subscribers; and with more (if he wants them) at a moderate price. The whole, therefore, now waits only for your Lordship's further directions. The secret of your Lordship's share in the Biography, or as Editor, shall be preserved; and the fame of the deceased, and emolument of his surviving brother, be consulted as much as in the power of, my Lord, your Lordship's much obliged and faithful servant,

"J. NICHOLS.

"The Doctor's Letters and Prose Essays would much enrich the publication."

In Bishop Percy's hand, is indorsed on this letter as follows:—

"N.B. Two Epilogues or Prologues never published. 31 May, 1788, died at Bristol Hotwells, Edmund Bott, Esq. of Christchurch, Hants, Barrister and F.S.A. Author of some performances on the Poor Laws. He had some inedited MSS. of Goldsmith."

"MY GOOD LORD,

Oct. 2, 1789.

"Perfectly convinced that the friendly zeal which took up the cause of Swift and Mr. Parker will prevent your Lordship from losing sight of it, I delay not a moment in returning the inclosed papers, of which I solemnly assure your Lordship I have not copied a single line; nor have I, in any shape, a proof of what I sent your Lordship in print;† and the types shall be instantly dispersed without a proof being taken from them.

"It will give me great pleasure to see your Lordship

* Engraved in Gentleman's Magazine for 1789, p. 685.

† These papers were returned to Bishop Percy in 1789, and came back to the possession of Mr. Nichols's son, in 1835, by public auction.

again in London. Then, or earlier, at your Lordship's choice, may Goldsmith be determined on. The fair price of copies, beyond 250, would be their actual prime cost to the undertaker.

"Your Lordship's greatly obliged and very faithful servant,
J. NICHOLS."

"MY GOOD LORD, March 19, 1790.

"I take the very first opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's truly obliging letter of the 15th, inclosing the refutation of the Swift article, drawn up in a way which friendship and the utmost discretion could alone have dictated; and for which I beg leave to return your Lordship my warmest thanks; and the rather, as the story has been invidiously renewed by Mr. Berkeley, in his 'Literary Relics.'*

"I have not been unmindful of your Lordship's commands in two former letters. The payments at Bartlett's Buildings † and at Somerset House ‡ shall be duly made.

"With the truest respect, I remain, my Lord, your Lordship's greatly obliged and faithful humble servant,

"J. NICHOLS.

"The letter shall certainly begin our next Magazine."

Extract from the Gentleman's Magazine.

"March 31, 1790.

"REGARD for truth, and justice to the memory of the dead, call upon us to communicate the following intelligence, which we are persuaded will be acceptable to the public. It ought to have appeared long ago; but in consequence of our distance from the parties concerned, and of the gentleman's absence from Ireland by whose means the communication was to have been conveyed to us, we hope we shall be excused for not having been able to produce it sooner; but we are now authorised to say,

* "Literary Relics: containing Original Letters from King Charles II., King James II., the Queen of Bohemia, Swift, Berkeley, Addison, Steele, Congreve, the Duke of Ormond, and Bishop Rundle. To which is prefixed, an Inquiry into the Life of Dean Swift. By George-Monk Berkeley, Esq. LL.B. in the University of Dublin, F.S.S.A., Member of St. Mary Magdalen Hall, Oxford, and of the Inner Temple, London." See Gent. Mag. 1790, pp. 154, 237.

† The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; then not unfrequently called The Bartlett's Buildings Society. Thence they removed to Lincoln's Inn Fields.

‡ The Society of Antiquaries.

"That the Story of the Rape, which had been told of Dean Swift, in the new edition of the 'Tatler' (vol. V. p. 144), and thence copied into the Gentleman's Magazine for August 1786 (see our vol. LVI. p. 694; vol. LVI. p. 193; vol. LX. p. 157), and which is there said to have occasioned him to leave his prebend of Kilroot in his youth, proves to be ILL-FOUNDED.

"The Reverend Mr. Parker (the present Prebendary of Kilroot, in the diocese of Connor, and county of Antrim), who is there quoted, having, when he was in London, accidentally mentioned such a story in conversation, without any expectation of its being published, hath since inquired minutely into the foundation of this report, and, with that ingenuous regard for truth which distinguishes the liberal mind, has given under his hand the following account:—

"'In consequence of the publication of the Anecdote (respecting Dean Swift, when Prebendary of Kilroot) I made particular inquiry into the truth of it; and have the satisfaction to be able to declare, that, though the story be generally reported in the country, no evidence, except this report, can be discovered of the criminal fact; no examinations relative to it are found to exist, nor does it appear that any such were ever taken. P. PARKER.

"Ballynure, near Carrickfergus, 28th August, 1787."*

Bishop PERCY to Mr. NICHOLS.

"DEAR SIR,

April 10, 1790.

"I have seen [&c. as in Lit. Ill. vol. VI. p. 580. Then it goes on,] I am very glad to see the Vindication of Swift occupy in so distinguished a manner the first page of your Magazine.

"I am very sorry to see, in the preceding month of February, p. 157, that in the sudden warmth of controversy (to which my friendship and candour lead me to impute it), too great stress is laid on the mere oral report of that poor weak man Dr. Salter, who certainly, in serious truth, did not deserve the high eulogium there given him. Why must this poor prattler's character be raised here above its due level (as you yourself have expressed it on a former occasion), in order that his partial testimony may fall with the greater weight on the illustrious dead, whom posthumous malice had endeavoured

* Gent. Mag. vol. LX. p. 189.

to injure? Salter's character is too well known to admit of much discussion; but it is an unfortunate necessity that may compel some one to rake into his grave. Whatever becomes of his veracity, his judgment rendered his reports far from indisputable; and his mental powers were far from excellent. Surely all this requires some little softening and apology; which I think may be done with an equal display of that ingenuous regard for truth which is so justly commended in Mr. Parker. I think also it may be done without injury to the memory of Dr. Salter,—some way thus:

“The sudden warmth excited by an unkind and undeserved censure upon us, we fear has led to an unguarded statement in p. 157. Far from wishing to give undue weight to the oral report of Dr. Salter—who (as all men are liable to err) may inaccurately have remembered letters which he only perused, and never copied; and of which, after a lapse of many years, he thought he recollected the general purport, for it does not appear that he even retained the particular expressions—we desire not to fix on the memory of Swift any disreputable censure from said Report. All this a regard for justice and a love of truth incline us candidly to state to the public, and to leave them to judge of the evidence impartially.*

“Something like this, but better expressed, in your own manner, I think will do you great honour, and is certainly, in my humble opinion, a matter of duty.

“I understand that the many offensive Notes in the Tatler, Spectator, &c. (especially the Socinian attack on Christ's divinity, so absurdly introduced into Spect. 5, No. 327, 8vo., No. 291, Guardian, vol. II. 8vo. p. 43, &c. &c.) are raising a good deal of ferment, of which the proprietors may hear further, and which may probably be prevented or allayed by cancelling such pages as contain any Notes relating to the Controversy with the Dissenters, &c. before the proprietors are applied to in form about them. In which case I should point out some of them; † particularly the illiberal treatment of poor Miss

* Mr. Nichols adopted Bishop Percy's suggestion; and these remarks on Dr. Salter appear in Gent. Mag. for 1790, p. 352.

† In a rough draft of this letter the Bishop adds: “The names of many of my respectable friends are made answerable for little, trifling, petty anecdotes, that were not necessary to be supported by living vouchers; as in the account of Farquhar's ‘Recruiting Officer,’ a most respectable clergyman of Shrewsbury (the Rev. Mr. Blakeway), is made to answer by name for the application of the *dramatis personæ* to families of note near that town. [The authority for Mr. Blakeway's application of the *dramatis personæ* in

Addison,* in vol. VI. No. 235, which is rendered still more injurious in the new 8vo. edition. I know a good deal of that poor lady, who, with every amiable quality, has been the object of compassion all her life, from severe fits, which have kept her a recluse in Warwickshire. I know a woman who had been many years in her service about her person, and she used to tell me, that the great support and consolation of the unhappy lady under her sufferings was the reflection on her father's shining talents and genius, and the pleasing perusal of his writings. This at least was thirty years ago; and now this poor lady cannot open her favourite Spectator without receiving a horrible stab to wound her fame and her peace! Surely this is diabolical cruelty. If the Annotator had consulted the feelings of humanity, he would have made a handsome apology for what had inadvertently escaped him in the first edition, and have removed whatever was offensive in the second edition; but he even aggravates the offence, by printing the passage in *italics* in the 8vo. edition.

“With regard to myself, I have not escaped much better; for (not to mention the wanton insertion of my respectable friends by name, as vouchers for any little anecdote they candidly imparted, &c.) in order to curry favour with the Minister (Mr. Pitt), by an affected zeal for his family (*risum teneatis?*) he undertakes to confute a charge which was never made in this world; and he is so good as to insinuate that I had first admitted the said charge, viz. that the vicious Aurungzebe, in the Tatler, was the famous Governor Pitt, who possessed the great diamond. I solemnly protest I never (so far as I recollect) even heard the imputation: I always heard that it was one of the persons whom he mentions, in a note, I think, in the Guardian, 8vo. edit. Such is the treatment I have met with from the Annotator; who has utterly spoiled the

the “Recruiting Officer,” was his own letter, printed in vol. V. of Literary Illustrations, p. 644.—N.] The names of Sir David Dalrymple (Lord Hailes) and of John Orlebar (late Commissioner of the Excise, a most respectable gentleman), are treated with as little ceremony.—T. D.”

* Miss Addison died at Bilton, near Rugby, in the spring of 1797. Her character having been erroneously given in Gent. Mag. 1797, p. 256, a Correspondent, who signs H. R. in p. 385, gives a fair and just account of her. She was the only daughter of Addison by the Countess of Warwick. She was born in London, and educated in Queen Square, and afterwards had a house of her own in Burleigh Street. Her memory was strong, but not marvellous; her understanding was good, but not great. She was fond of perusing her father's writings; and spoke French fluently. She was very deaf, but possessed her faculties tolerably well to the last part of her long life.

work, by making it the vehicle of petty malevolence and controversial bigotry, &c.; so that I think if my name should be mentioned concerning him or it, I hope you will vindicate me from any knowledge of his proceedings, as one who never was consulted by him in any one instance during his progress in the business, and also imagined he would, under your guidance, have avoided every thing that was illiberal or offensive, and simply have endeavoured to explain the obscure passages, as other commentators, &c. do in like undertakings; and that I myself have reason to complain as much as any body.

"I write all this in perfect confidence, and rely upon your probity, that I am not mentioned even on that or any other occasion without my consent and permission. With best compliments to you and yours (allow me to assume this signature for fear of miscarriage), I am, dear Sir, very truly yours, INCOG."

Mr. NICHOLS to Bishop PERCY.

"MY GOOD LORD, April 30, 1790.

"Perfectly sensible of your Lordship's kindness, and well aware that your advice is judicious, I have made use of the paragraph this month on the subject of *Swift*, and thank your Lordship for the hint. The wanton provocation in the 'Reliques,' you will allow, was sufficiently great to excite some warmth.

"With the new edition of the 'Tatler' and 'Spectator,' I had so little concern, that I neither printed them, nor saw the proof sheets. In the first edition I struck out abundantly, and have only to regret that I did not strike out much more. You knew perfectly our friend's* religious prejudices, and his general attachment to whatever notions he once takes up. The edition is not large (only 750 copies), and the booksellers are now at liberty to expunge or reform whatever may be pointed out amiss.

"I have just purchased an invaluable copy of the 'Tale of a Tub,' formerly Lady Betty Germain's, with MS. notes.

"Your Lordship asks for Mr. Pinkerton's proper address. He lives in Mansfield-place, Kentish Town.

"Mr. Hoole is at present at No. 28, Pall Mall; but after this week will be at Abinger, near Dorking.

"I am, your Lordship's greatly obliged and faithful humble servant, J. NICHOLS."

* Dr. Calder.

Bishop PERCY to Mr. NICHOLS.

"DEAR SIR,

"Ecton, Sept. 18, 1800.

"I have been inquiring of the editor of the 'British Critic' when justice would be done to your meritorious labours, and am concerned to find that, although the review of your third volume was finished before the end of last month, it cannot appear sooner than in the British Critic for October.* But Mr. Nares has expressed so much regard for you, and assigned reasons which dispose me to acquiesce in the delay, so that we must excuse him. The interest I take in the work as a Leicestershire freeholder, and my personal regard for the public-spirited author, must be my excuse for giving you this trouble, who, I hope, will believe me to be very truly, dear Sir, your faithful and obedient servant, THO. DROMORE.

"P.S. My kind respects to my kinsman, your Son. Be pleased to tell Mr. Rivington, that the fourth volume of the Reliques, by my nephew, is obliged to be postponed."

Mr. NICHOLS to Bishop PERCY.

"MY GOOD LORD,

Sept. 20, 1800.

"This earliest opportunity is taken of acknowledging your kind letter of the 18th, and of thanking your Lordship for its contents. I am fully sensible of the favour. Your Lordship's message shall be communicated to Mr. Rivington, who has forwarded the three books for Edinburgh as directed, and has sent the volume you so kindly presented to my young daughter.

"I am your Lordship's greatly obliged and very faithful servant,

J. NICHOLS.

"My Son feels much honoured by your Lordship's condescending remembrance of him."

Bishop PERCY to Mr. NICHOLS.

"DEAR SIR,

Dromore House, Dec. 15, 1801.

"As I wish that your valuable Miscellany should be the repository of every thing that is ingenious or curious, I send you the inclosed,† which I received from my poetical neighbour Mr. Stott; and wishing it should be transmitted to you in his handwriting, with a few additions, which I know he will excuse (as I hope you will

* This alludes to an able and kind review of the "History of Leicestershire," in the British Critic for 1800, by Bp. Percy. See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 589.

† An article signed "Normannus," in defence of the Protestant Loyalists of Ireland, inserted in Gent. Mag. 1801, p. 1174.

the erasures, &c.) I have altered his address from myself to Mr. Urban.

"I am, with compliments and best wishes of the season to you and your family, dear Sir, your faithful servant,

"THO. DROMORE."

MR. NICHOLS TO BISHOP PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD, Dec. 13, 1808.

"The kind solicitude you have at all times expressed for my welfare, and the friendly interest which you have taken in the concerns of my family, are indelibly impressed on my tenderest feelings. And I more particularly thank your Lordship for the generous intentions in your last, respecting my unfortunate loss in the 'History of Leicestershire'—a loss, in that work alone, of not less than £5000 !

"Much indeed do I lament that your Lordship has not the whole of the volumes already published. Five of the Parts can never be reprinted. Of the Sixth I shall print 100 copies, as a small return of gratitude to the friends who have so liberally stepped forward to assist the expenses of the Seventh. These two last portions therefore (the Hundreds of Guthlaxton and Sparkenhoe) I hope to send to your Lordship, or to Mr. Isted.

"I am also to acknowledge the goodness of your Lordship in permitting Mr. Boyd to shew me the curious documents respecting the poor maniac Ritson—and the edition of Goldsmith.

"The copy of 'Surrey's Poems,' which was so fortunately preserved by being on a shelf in my dwelling-house, with a copy of 'Buckingham's Works,' as far as originally printed, and another of the 'Additions' printed by me, will be presented to your Lordship by Mr. Boyd. The melancholy fate of these valuable works adds considerably to my own personal anxieties.

"For more than ten years I had deposited them in a separate warehouse, which I hired for that express purpose, till the landlord wanting the room compelled me to pack them again in my own warehouses, from which not a single volume of any description whatever was preserved. But the subject is too dismal to dwell upon. I will not therefore further wound your Lordship's sensibility, but conclude, with the assurance that I am most truly, &c.

"J. NICHOLS."

Bishop PERCY to Mr. NICHOLS.

"Dromore House, 11 July, 1809.

"The Bishop of Dromore's kind respects to Mr. Nichols. He should not have so long deferred to make him some remittance for the losses he has sustained on the Bishop's account, but that he has been disappointed in receiving payments long due to him, and therefore hopes Mr. Nichols will excuse the delay, and accept the inclosed draft for one of the losses which he mentions. He must also entreat his indulgence till he can conveniently make another remittance, which perhaps may not be quite so soon as the Bishop could wish.

"It will give him great pleasure to hear that Mr. Nichols and his family are well, who will ever have his best wishes."

Mr. NICHOLS to Bishop PERCY.

"MY KIND AND DEAR LORD,

July 19, 1809.

"I accept the favour of the 11th instant as a continuation of that chain of affectionate regard, which, for so many years, I have experienced in your Lordship's correspondence; and I rejoice to see the friendly hand which signed the draft, to replace the loss on 'Buckingham's Works;' and very unworthy should I be of your Lordship's consideration were I to urge a more speedy remittance of what remains than is consistent with your own convenience.

"My best thanks are due for your inquiries after my family, who are all well, and unite with me in every sentiment of respectful regard to the good Bishop of Dromore.

"I am, my Lord, your Lordship's greatly obliged and faithful servant,

J. NICHOLS."

Mr. DARBY to Mr. NICHOLS.

"SIR,

Dromore-house, Oct. 3, 1811.

"You will hear with great concern of the death of our excellent and venerable Bishop, after an illness so short and rapid in its progress, that, although Mr. Meade, who had been at Buxton for his health, and Mr. and Mrs. Isted, were immediately informed of it, yet it was impos-

sible they could arrive in time. I am therefore directed by Mrs. Meade to announce this melancholy event to you ; and to request, with her compliments, that you will be so good as to have the short account on the other side inserted in four of the most popular papers in a conspicuous manner, and any expense incurred shall be repaid by one of the family, who are expected to be soon in London. A full account shall be drawn up for the Gentleman's Magazine of the present month, as soon as his Lordship's own family are all assembled together, and consulted on the subject.

"I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient humble servant,

M. DARBY,

"Private Secretary to the late Lord
Bishop of Dromore."

JOHN PINKERTON, ESQ.

OF this learned and eccentric man a memoir has been given in the "Literary Illustrations," vol. V. pp. 665—672, which was followed by a selection of some letters of his addressed to Mr. Nichols, to whose acquaintance he was introduced by their joint friend Dr. Percy, then Dean of Carlisle. In 1830 the "Correspondence of Mr. Pinkerton," partly selected by himself, was edited by Dawson Turner, Esq. M.A., F.R.S. who judiciously observes :

"These letters include, among others from personages known to fame, epistles from Lord Buchan, Gibbon the historian, and Horace Walpole, besides a copious store of literary anecdotes, exhibiting the history of a literary man from the beginning to [nearly] the end of his career ; a man of a capacious mind, great acuteness, strong memory,

restless activity, and extraordinary perseverance. These anecdotes afford a striking proof of the power of talents and industry to raise their possessor in the scale of society, as well as in the opinion of the world. Unfortunately, they are also calculated to read us another, and not less instructive lesson, — that somewhat more is required to turn such advantages to their full account; and that the endowments of the mind, unless accompanied by sound and consistent principles, can tend but little to the happiness of the individual, or the good of society. The close of Mr. Pinkerton's life was sadly dissimilar to what it promised at the outset. Destitute as he was of the adventitious advantages of birth and fortune, he saw himself, while yet scarcely more than a boy, caressed and courted by men of rank and literary fame: he sunk into the grave chilled by neglect and oppressed by want. In youth he wrote for his pleasure and reputation: in age for his daily bread.”*

Sir Walter Scott, whilst drawing a comparison between him and a very kindred spirit, Ritson, observes, with no less truth than sadness, “that the sun set heavily on both; for Joseph Ritson's whimsicalities terminated in mental alienation, and the career of Pinkerton, which in its commencement attracted the notice of Gibbon, who desired to adopt him as an associate in the proposed task of editing the *British Historians*, ended in exile, in obscurity, and, we fear, in indigence. His studious and laborious disposition deserves praise; and the defects we have had to notice with pain, arose from the arrogance of inexperience, and in his latter years from mortification at the failure of a long series of literary attempts, some of which merited another fate.”†

Mr. Pinkerton died at Paris March 10, 1826,† aged 67.

* Preface to *Pinkerton's Correspondence*. From this work, by the kindness of its editor Mr. Dawson Turner, and the liberality of its proprietor Mr. Bentley, I am permitted to give the letters of Bp. Percy to Mr. Pinkerton, printed in this collection.

† *Quarterly Review*, vol. XLI. p. 138.

‡ By mistake this date is printed “1825” in *Literary Illustrations*, V. 673.

DR. PERCY TO MR. PINKERTON.

" Northumberland House, March 25th, 1778.

" Nothing but a very dangerous illness in a person with whom I am nearly connected, and for whose fate I am exceedingly anxious, could have made me guilty of such apparent incivility as to remain silent so long after having received the honour of your very genteel letter, and been favoured with the communication of pieces so truly acceptable as are contained in your valuable manuscript. I have hardly leisure, or a disposition of mind sufficiently disengaged from anxiety, to relish so much as I shall do hereafter, the songs, the critical pieces, and your learned and ingenious notes. In my last edition of the 'Reliques,' I had inserted a passage from Archbishop Spotswood's 'History of the Church of Scotland,' which much illustrates the Ballad of Edom or Adam O'Gordon, (vide Spotswood, p. 259); but your quotation from 'Crawford's Memoirs' is still more satisfactory, as it accounts for the name of Captain Carr, which occurs in some copies. Pray can you account for Carr being styled the 'Lord of Westerton Town;' the Lady's Castle being called 'Bitton's Borough,' or 'Diacrone's Borough,' as I find them in an old MS.?"

" I must be so ingenuous as to confess that I think the second part of Hardyknute hardly equal to the first; perhaps a further inquiry among the reciters in Lanarkshire may produce some improvements. However, with your permission, I shall certainly insert it, and the other new pieces, whenever I give an additional volume; and, in the mean time, must be allowed to acknowledge myself, Sir, &c."

" Easton Mauduit, in Northamptonshire, July 20th, 1778.

" I cannot express how much I think myself obliged to you for your goodness in favouring me with a second letter, though you had so much apparent cause to be offended with me for having delayed thus long to acknowledge the favour of your former; especially as you in so obliging a manner made me a present of the curious volume of poems, the bare loan of which had laid me under a great obligation. But, Sir, I had the misfortune to mislay your kind letter above mentioned; and, as it contained some curious particulars which I wished to discuss, I delayed writing in hopes of recovering it, till, ere I was aware,

this shameful interval had elapsed, for which I can only entreat your pardon.

“And now let me again and again thank you for your most obliging present, which was extremely acceptable, both for the ancient poems, and the learned and ingenious illustrations which accompanied them. I shall not fail to avail myself of both, as well as of the curious remarks in your letters, whenever I give the additional volumes to the world. The contents of these have long since been collected and arranged; and I flatter myself, in point of merit, are no whit inferior to what the public accepted with so much indulgence in the three former volumes. But the truth is, I have not so much leisure, and perhaps not quite so keen an appetite, for amusements of this kind as when I was younger. It is near twenty years since I first began to form the preceding collection. I only considered these things as pardonable, at best, among the levities (I had almost said follies) of my youth. However, as I must confess that I have always had a relish for the poetic effusions (even the most sportive and unelaborate) of our ancestors, I have commonly taken up these trifles, as other grave men have done cards, to unbend and amuse the mind when fatigued with graver studies, till they have insensibly grown into a regular series ready for the press; and now I keep them by me, in order to make a present of them to my son,* a tall youth of fifteen, who is at present a King’s Scholar at Westminster. And, as he has a strong relish and considerable taste for these compositions, I think to give him the merit of being editor of them, as soon as he removes to the University, by way of introducing him into the literary world, and of filling up the vacuities of his academical studies. In the mean time I neglect no opportunity of amending and enlarging the series, and shall certainly much improve them for him by this delay.

“And now, Sir, that I have imparted to you, what is almost a secret to all my most intimate friends, I must entreat the favour of you that it may continue so, except to Dr. Beattie, (or one or two like him,) for whom I have ever had the greatest respect. I am very much obliged to him for thinking of me, and for pointing out to me the merits of the poem entitled ‘The Vision,’ which I have

* Bishop Percy had the misfortune to lose his only son, Henry Percy, esq. April 2, 1783. See *Literary Illustrations*, VI. 572.

read over again with particular pleasure, and think it deserving of every thing Dr. Beattie says of it. I am also quite of opinion with him, that it was written in favour of the Stuart family, about the year 1715. I hope you and he will continue to favour me with whatever communications occur to you on these subjects."

" Carlisle (the Deanery,) Nov. 27th, 1778.

"I hope you will pardon my suffering your obliging letter of last month to remain so long unanswered, in consideration of the very interesting avocations which, since I received it, have taken off my attention from all literary subjects. Indeed, I have such a multiplicity of business come upon me in consequence of my new preferment, that I cannot foresee when I shall be sufficiently released from it to be able to return to those agreeable studies, which I always loved, and which have afforded me so much delightful amusement. I could not, however, allow myself to come so near Edinburgh (though but for a short time), and return back to the South, without stealing a few moments to acknowledge the favour of your very agreeable letter, and to thank you for the trouble you have been so good as to take, in pointing out to my notice those charming poems of Drummond of Hawthornden. He has always been a favourite with me, and I have long since been possessed of the thin folio edition of his works, printed about the beginning of this century, which you seem not to have seen; as you say the only impression you know is that of London, 1656. This thin folio contains both his poems and his histories of the five James's, &c., with some very curious anecdotes of Ben Jonson, who once made him a visit, and spent some time at Hawthornden.

"Your intended selection of the best modern Latin poems will be a pleasing work: we have lately had a collection made by a Mr. Popham* of the best modern Latin poems by English writers, published by subscription in 3 vols. 12mo. which, together with the '*Musæ Anglicanæ*,' 3 vols. 12mo., the '*Carmina Quadragesimalia*,' 2 vols. 8vo., and the '*Lusus Westmonasterienses*,' 1 vol.

* "In 3 vols. 12mo.—Popham published a second edition of this collection in one vol. 8vo. 1779, differing much from the former. The editor was the son of Edward Popham of Littlecot-park, Wilts. He was Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, and Rector of Chilton Foliot, Wilts, where he died, aged 77."—*Gent. Mag.* April 1839, p. 368.

12mo., take in the chief of what this country has produced,* excepting what may be found scattered among many puerile poems in the congratulatory and condoling verses of our two Universities, on the births, marriages, deaths, &c. of our kings. I am not likely to see Dr. Warton soon, and shall be for some time wholly immersed in business; but, whenever I can, I will endeavour to execute your commands with regard to him or any other subject."

" Carlisle, July 2nd, 1779.

"I hope you will excuse my delay in answering your very obliging letter, when I inform you that, since I received it, I have been extremely ill, even at the point of death; and the place whence I date this will satisfy you that I have moreover been obliged to travel through a great part of this island.

"I return you many thanks for the Scots song, with which you have been so kind as to favour me; but, from what I have already mentioned, you will readily conceive that I have hardly had it in my power to relish pleasures of this kind. And, indeed, I find this inability so far increasing upon me by new duties and new avocations, that I hardly foresee when it will give room to the intentions which some time since I hinted to you; so that I think it would be far better if you would resume your original design of printing your second part of Hardy-knute, with such other poems as have occurred to you of that kind, in a little elegant miscellany of your own; and then, if my son, at any future time, takes up the subject, he can (with your leave) quote or make extracts from your work, with all proper acknowledgments to its editor.

"I am sorry to say, that, since the death of Mr. Garrick, I have not any interest among the dramatic people, nor do I know one person particularly skilful in that branch of writing, whom I could prevail upon to examine a tragedy,† with critical attention and proper candour; otherwise I should with the greatest pleasure have performed any commands you should have wished to have executed."

* Add the two sets of the "*Musæ Etonenses*," the *Poemata*, or Prize Poems at Oxford, and a volume of Prize Poems at Cambridge, with a preface by the present Bishop of London.—J. M.

† It appears clearly from this passage, that, young as Mr. Pinkerton then was, he had already written one at least of the two tragedies, which it is stated in his *Life* that he composed, but never published.—D. T.

“ Easton Mauduit, March 17th, 1780.

“ I was upon the point of writing, when last night, and not before, I received your obliging letter of the 4th inst., which had lain several days at Carlisle. Indeed I have for some time intended myself the pleasure of writing to you, to inform you that I have never once been in London since last June; and, as all your papers were locked up in my escritoire, in Northumberland House, I could not tell how to proceed in the intended business, till I could produce them, to have them shown to any bookseller, even if I had applied to any one by letter, previous to my going to town. This has really been the case; nor have I ever lost sight a moment of the intended business which you had intrusted to me. Nor, indeed, should I have delayed writing to you so long, but that I, from time to time, thought I should have finished my affairs at Carlisle (where I was just before Christmas) and here, so as to remove to London with my family before this time.

We have now fixed for our removal thither about the middle of April, and then I shall with pleasure undertake the printing of your poems. Previous to which, I think it would not be amiss if you yourself wrote to Mr. Dodsley, to give him the offer of having it published in his shop, upon the terms I mentioned; * viz., that if he will take upon himself all the expenses of printing and publishing, you will be glad to divide the profits with him, if there should be any, after all those expenses are defrayed out of the first returns. At the same time you may mention, that my present avocations having caused me to delay any intended additions to my former three volumes, you are inclined to print your pieces in a separate publication, with my entire approbation; that you understand I shall be in town about the middle of April; that I shall be then ready to deliver up your manuscript,† and shall be very willing to correct the press.

* This is stated in a letter dated 27th July, 1779, which letter has not been published.—D. T.

† The manuscript very narrowly escaped being destroyed. But a few days after the date of this letter, a fire happened in Dr. Percy's apartments in Northumberland House, and he wrote to inform Mr. Pinkerton of the subject on the 10th April. “ You will doubtless have been alarmed,” he says, “ lest your papers should have perished; but I have the pleasure to inform you that you have sustained no injury: nor have I suffered the tenth part of the loss I might have expected, considering the extent and violence of the flames. Almost all my most valued books and papers were rescued by the firemen, who snatched most of them unhurt out of the fire; among the rest, the cabinet that contained your manuscript.”—D. T.

"Beg his immediate answer to you; and then, if he declines it, I will try to connect you with another bookseller: as soon as you are apprised of Mr. Dodsley's intentions, I shall be glad to be favoured with your commands."

"Easton Mauduit, Jan. 11th, 1781.

"I was last night favoured with yours of the 9th January, and am extremely glad that you have come to an agreement with Mr. Nichols, and can now superintend your own publication yourself; * for, except a very short time that I was in London with the Duke of Northumberland, on his first return from Alnwick Castle in the autumn, I have never been in London since I received your letter in June, assenting to the proposals which I had then made; this I mention, as an apology for not having myself committed your collections to the press before. However, I shall now be happy to observe the progress of the press, and will with great pleasure obey any commands of yours respecting it. Herewith I transmit, not only the ballad you desire, but your former extracts from Drummond, &c., as perhaps you may have some use for the latter."

"Carlisle, Dec. 28th, 1781.

"I received your very obliging favour, and thank you for the corrected leaf, which I shall insert in your volume, when I return into the South; for, unluckily, in the hurry of business, in which I was involved last summer at my removal here, I left behind me your elegant volumes, which would have been the agreeable amusements of such moments of leisure as I could have been able to snatch from the cares and interruptions of a public situation; and then I should have been happy to have communi-

* Mr. Pinkerton, having finished his clerkship, had at this time removed to London, and was now residing at No. 2, White Horse Court, Southwark. Dr. Percy had, in a previous unpublished letter, recommended his applying to his printer and relation Mr. Nichols, who would be willing to bring out the work upon the terms he had mentioned, in case Mr. Dodsley and Mr. Cadell declined it. By the same letter, it appears that Mr. Pinkerton, even then, gave indications of that irritability of temper and impatience of contradiction, which was so great a source of his unhappiness in after life. "You will find," says Dr. Percy, "that I have not presumed to make any alterations in your manuscript collections; but, if you have no objection, you may drop whatever appears in any degree hostile or too sharply controversial respecting myself or my own slight publications, merely to prevent the necessity of answers," &c.—D. T.

cated any remarks that had occurred to me; though, indeed, they could at best only have been slight and trivial, and therefore hardly worth the attention of one who had considered the subjects so much more maturely, as you have done.

"I shall be very glad to see any future publication of yours, and especially the 'Letters of Literature,'* which you propose. You are truly obliging in offering to admit any thing of mine into such good company; but, unfortunately, I have nothing here to offer worth your acceptance. Whatever slight attempts in the 'Belles Lettres,' &c. have escaped the fire and pastry-cook, are peaceably slumbering in my closet in Northamptonshire, the sequestered retreat that gave them birth, and where for many years I led a life of rural leisure, most agreeably devoted to literary amusements, now obliged to be exchanged for a life of business, and those constant demands of my time and attention which my present duties require from me. Were I disposed to yield to envy and regret, I need only look back on my younger

* These *Letters*, though then in embryo, were not published till the year 1783: it had been well for Mr. Pinkerton's reputation had they never been published at all. In a copy now before me, lately the property of one of our most eminent critics, Mr. Park, I read the following very just quotation, in his handwriting, "multa venustè, multa tenuiter, multa cum bile." Mr. Pinkerton himself, in his *Walpoliana*, p. 78, admits that Heron's *Letters* was "a book written in early youth, and contained many juvenile crude ideas long since abandoned by its author." Would that the *crudeness of many of the ideas* were the worst that was to be said of it! but we shall find, in the course of this correspondence, far heavier and not less just complaints. The name of *Heron* here assumed by Mr. Pinkerton, was *that* of his mother.—D. T.

On this paradoxical, superficial, and incorrect pseudonymous offspring of Mr. Pinkerton's brain, Cowper wrote the following lines:

"The Genius of the Augustan age
His head among Time's ruins rear'd,
And, bursting with heroic rage,
When literary *Heron* appear'd,

"Thou hast," he cried, "like him of old,
Who set the Ephesian dome on fire,
By being scandalously bold,
Attain'd the mark of thy desire.

"And for traducing Virgil's name,
Shall share his merited reward,
A perpetuity of fame,
That rots, and stinks, and is abhorr'd."

See *Letters*, vol. II. p. 41.

years, spent, like yours, with agreeable leisure in literary pursuits : but I shall turn aside from whatever is mortifying in the comparison, to offer my sincere wishes for your success in all your elegant and refined labours."

MR. NICHOLS TO MR. PINKERTON.

" Dec. 9th, 1782.

"The politeness of your letter, Nov. 28th, 1782,* would sooner have been acknowledged, but that I have been last week much hurried in business.

"Such a collection as you speak of I should be glad to see published, and would with much pleasure be the instrument of handing it to the world. Your proposals, Sir, are very fair ; but, unluckily, they are founded on a wrong calculation. Half the profit of an impression of 1000 *copies* you are fairly entitled to ; and I should think this on both sides an equitable stipulation. But you will please to recollect that the 1000 copies are not sold by the printer at 2*s.* 6*d.* but with large deductions to the booksellers, who retail them, and also for sewing up, advertising, &c. In short, if I printed 1000 copies, I should be glad to dispose of them all at 1*s.* 6*d.* each ; nor (expenses deducted) can they be set at more.

1000 copies will then produce	.	.	75 <i>l.</i>
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Paper, printing, and a plate	.	.	25 <i>l.</i>
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Whole profit 50*l.*

"You have now, Sir, the fair calculation ; and, if you think it worth embarking in, I am ready to print the book, and put the copies in the hands of any third person, to sell them on our joint account, and account to us jointly for profit. Or, if you choose them to be mine at a certainty, I will pay you 20 guineas in a month after the book is completed at the press. I am sensible this offer is inadequate to what the performance will intrinsically deserve ; yet am certain it is as much as can be afforded. I am much obliged by your kind offer to superintend the 'Tragic Ballads,' and shall take the liberty to trouble you with them when they pass again through the press."

* Mr. Pinkerton's letter to Mr. Nichols, to which this is an answer, is printed in *Literary Illustrations*, vol. V. p. 673.

Bishop PERCY to Mr. PINKERTON.

" Carlisle, Jan. 3rd, 1783.

" I received your very obliging letter, but unluckily mislaid it as soon as it was perused, so that I only answer it from what I remember of the contents. I am exceedingly glad that I have it in my power to oblige you, on the subject of the old poem of King James I. of Scotland, intitled 'Peblis to the Play;' of which, by good luck, I have the transcript here; for, in general, I have left in Northamptonshire whatever collections I had formerly made of this sort. And, indeed, my studies and attention have so long been directed to other objects, that I should not easily have come at this, if I had not had this copy with me. I formerly told you, that I had laid it by for my son * (in case he chose to be editor of some supplemental volumes of the Reliques), or, if he should decline it, for a very poetical nephew† of mine. You will I hope excuse it, therefore, if, whenever either of them undertakes a work of that sort, they should reprint this old poem, which in the interim is at your service to be inserted in any publication of yours.

" I send you the copy I made myself from the old manuscript, wherein alone it is preserved. The transcript is faithfully and correctly made. I hope, therefore, you will print it without any conjectural emendations, at least in the text; and, if you propose any, you will confine them to the margin or your notes. Confronting my manuscript with the text, you will see *notes Variorum*, viz. of myself and also my friends, out of which, I believe, such a commentary may be gathered as will explain every obsolete phrase and obscure passage. When you have made such use of it as is necessary for your intended work, I will beg you to deliver safely to me, whenever demanded for the use above mentioned, this old transcript and notes. If you think it necessary to mention in print, that you received this old piece from me, I will beg you only to quote me by the name of Dr. Percy, or rather the 'Editor of the Reliques of Ancient Poetry,' in 3 vols.; omitting Rev., much more all mention of my present title, &c. And, if necessary, you may speak of my slight poetical pursuits, as what had been the amusement of my younger years and hours of relax-

* Mr. H. Percy. See p. 94.

† Dr. T. Percy. See vol. VII. p. 54.

ation from severer studies, which, in truth, they were, as it is more than twenty years since the three volumes of *Reliques*, &c. were collected for the press, and even nineteen years since they were printed. And I have been so entirely drawn off from this subject by other unavoidable and necessary avocations, that Dodsley is, I believe, reprinting the book, without my being able to peruse or look at a single sheet or page in it. I am very glad your former volume has been so well received."

" Dromore, Oct. 29th, 1783.

" I hope you will pardon the delay of my answer to your obliging letter, when I inform you it was owing to great interruptions of business, in which I have been involved in consequence of the death of Mrs. Percy's only brother,* who dying intestate and without issue, the management of his affairs hath very much employed me ever since you wrote. I hope, however, that the inclosed will answer your wishes; though you must not be surprised if Mr. Warton, fatigued with (though fond of) literary researches, should be but a slow and desultory correspondent, even when he is most desirous of your acquaintance. I am glad to hear of your intended '*Letters of Literature*,' and wish you success in all your learned labours.

" I am glad you are about to sift the Maitland Manuscript at Cambridge, which you will find worth your search."

MR. NICHOLS to MR. PINKERTON.

" Jan. 22, 1784.

" The plan you have pointed out for a volume on *Medals*† I think excellent; and, if you think proper to pursue it, I will undertake it, on the condition of printing 750 or 1000 copies (to sell for 2s. 6d. sewed), and putting the books in the hands of Mr. Dodsley or Mr. Dilly, or any bookseller you choose, the profit to be divided in 3 shares, *two-thirds for you, and one for me*. This is the mode which appears to me both equitable and eligible; if you differ in opinion I shall be glad to hear your proposal."

* In 1783 William Gutteridge, esq. died without issue; and his estate in Leicestershire descended to his two sisters, Mary, widow of the Rev. Samuel Edwards, Vicar of Welford, and Anne, wife of Bishop Percy.—See Nichols's *Leicestershire*, vol. iii. p. 66*.

† The Letter of Mr. Pinkerton, to which this is an Answer, has not been preserved.

MR. RITSON TO MR. PINKERTON.*

" Oct. 1784.

"The distinguished honour which your native country has acquired by literary imposition upon her neighbours renders a junction with those illustrious worthies, *William Lauder*, *Archibald Bower*, and *James Macpherson*, no small compliment to the ingenious *Mr. Pinkerton*,† (as you, with equal happiness and familiarity, have been pleased to introduce yourself to the acquaintance of an astonished world). Your endeavours are not, it must be confessed, of equal magnitude; but the difference cannot be owing to a want of inclination. Your success has, doubtless, fully gratified your expectations; and the dexterity of a pickpocket may vie with the impudence of a highwayman. You, *Mr. Pinkerton*, will be already conscious of the nature of this address, for you will be conscious that you deserve it, how little soever you may have thought your merits liable to detection. But, though my readers may have heard of your now justly-forgotten *Rimes*,‡ *Tales*, *Dithyrambic Odes*, and other equally sublime and incomprehensible rhapsodies, they may still require to be informed that you are the editor (author, I should say) of two volumes of what you have been pleased to call *Scottish Tragic Ballads*, and *Select Scottish Ballads*, (I congratulate you on your improvement in orthography), volume II. a character in which alone I am about to consider you.

* This Letter appears in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for November, 1784, 812. and was thus introduced: "The Editor, from his knowledge of the gentleman to whom the following letter is addressed, is confident that he will excuse the insertion of so singular a literary curiosity, and complete specimen of modern criticism." At the conclusion of the letter THE EDITOR adds, "Though we do not altogether approve of the manner of this writer (the *Observer on Warton*, if we mistake not), we respect his abilities as an Antiquary, and shall be glad to see a continuance of his correspondence." It is well known that the *Observer on Warton* was the celebrated Joseph Ritson. The Introduction and Notes signed EDIT. were probably written by Pinkerton; with whose concurrence the letter appeared in the Magazine.

† "Why a man of independent fortune should be censured for assuming the title of *Mr.* which is allowed to the meanest mechanic, seems extraordinary. Had he given barely his name and surname, much stronger objections might be brought. In France, that superlative land of etiquette, the *Monsieur* is always used by a young writer, of whatever private station; the name and surname solely by a writer of established fame. We follow them, and say *John Milton*, *Horace Walpole*, and *Thomas Warton*; but never give name and surname to a writer of inferior or of commencing reputation. For the writer himself to give them, without addition, were therefore the height of vanity.—EDIT."

‡ "A mistake. Dr. Beattie mentions them, in his last publication, with all the warmth of friendship, and all the extravagance of puffing. But this is Scotch policy. *Claw me, and Ise claw thee.*"

You will do me the justice to recollect how and when I appear ; and, while I leave you no room to complain of my prolixity, admit that as a sufficient apology for my conciseness.

“To your two learned *Wartonian Dissertations* I have nothing at all to say, for this obvious reason : you have been frequently asked what they are to the purpose, and I never heard that you were able to tell. Let us therefore proceed to examine the poetical contents of your first volume.

“*Hardyknute, Part I.* This ballad has been substantially proved an artful and impudent forgery : but whether *Mrs. Wardlow* were the *mother* or the *midwife*, is of very little consequence ; the *bantling* is certainly *spurious*. There is not, I readily acknowledge, any great degree of criminality in reprinting a fine and popular ballad ; even though, from a defect in judgment, or a sturdy adherence to what Dr. Johnson might call Scotch morality, you did not believe, or thought proper to deny, its true origin. But what excuse can you have for the publication of a *second* part, or continuation of this poetical fraud ? Not ignorance surely ? No ; the composition must be altogether your own. Neither the lady, nor the common people of Lanarkshire, from whom you pretend to have recovered most of the stanzas, will deprive you of the honour of its procreation. The poetry is too artificial, too contemptible ; the forgery too evident.

“The *eight following pieces*, being chiefly transcribed from *Percy*, though not a whit the less suspicious on that account, I shall not attend to. I want to prove *your* forgery, not *his*.

“The *Laird of Woodhouselie*, *Lord Livingston*, *Binnorie*, and *The Death of Menteith*, which you give ‘*from tradition*,’ were, I am confident, never heard of before ; and carry the strongest intrinsic marks of forgery. Of *I wish I were where Helen lies*, this single line alone is genuine. And yet have you the affectation or assurance to censure Ramsay, who not only was a much better poet, but, though a poor barber, had infinitely more taste and judgment in Scottish poetry than yourself, for exercising a much slighter degree of the same liberty. If you be accused unjustly, convince us of your innocence.

“You are pleased to tell us, that the stanzas you have given of ‘*Flodden Field*’ form a complete copy of that

poem; that a variety of versifiers had been induced to mingle stanzas of their own composure; and thence compliment yourself on your painful but necessary duty in discriminating *such dross*, by the touchstone of truth, from the gold of antiquity. You must have been sadly fatigued, to be sure; as I dare you to mention a single copy, of any better authority than that of a modern ballad-stall, which contains a single stanza more than or different from your own.*

"P. 88. *Britons*, you say, 'was the common name which the Scots gave the *English* anciently, as may be observed in their old poets, and particularly *Blind Harry*, whose testimony,' you add, 'can only be relied on as to the common language and manners of the time; his *Life of Wallace* being a tissue of the most absurd fables ever mingled.' One would be glad to hear of an author who writes for the vulgar, in their native dialect, and cannot be relied on as to the common language of his time. In this, therefore, *Blind Harry* has nothing peculiar; but I defy you to point out a single passage in his *Life of Wallace* more descriptive of the manners of the age in which, than that of which, he wrote. If you had read the book, you never could have pronounced such an unjust, and indeed ignorant sentence upon it. That his story is not all true, is freely admitted. But is it less so than that of Homer, of Virgil, of Lucan, of Tasso, of Milton? And dare you call their immortal labours a tissue of the most absurd fables ever mingled? And yet, I will venture to say, you might do it with equal truth. But I shall now inform you whence your censure arose. You never read *Blind Harry*: no, not a line or word of him; and, most probably, never beheld his book. You say that *Britons* is the common name he gives to the *English*. It is not true. I suspected your veracity, and read him over to be convinced. There is no such word as either *Britons* or *Briton*, from the beginning to the end of him. If there be, find it. He always calls the English *Sutherland*, or *Saxons*, or *Englishmen*, and nothing else:† another proof that Hardyknute

* "If this writer will take the trouble to look into any edition prior to that of Mr. P. he will find near a dozen stanzas which are all rejected in his. EDIT."

† "To mistake, in quoting an author from memory, is surely a venial offence. *Britons*, in Hardyknute, may signify *Welshmen*. EDIT."

is a forgery, and that he who is capable of imposition in poetry is not incapable of falsehood in prose.

"P. 113. The stanzas of *Lady Bothwell's Lament*, you tell us, 'are injudiciously mingled in Ramsay's edition, and several stanzas of his own added.' The charge is unjust; the assertion untrue. There is not a single line in Ramsay's copy which is not to be found in copies printed before he was able to write one. Deny this, and I will prove it.

"P. 116. From a manuscript, you say, in your own possession, you print two poems, 'with a few corrections,' written, as you tell us, 'by Sir Robert Aytoun, Secretary of State during part of the reigns of William and Mary and Queen Ann.*' Your knowledge of history is of a piece with your judgment in poetry; or you think truth and integrity of equal little consequence in each. Sir Robert Aytoun was *dead* before either William, Mary, or Ann was *born*. He was Secretary of State, indeed, as you may have somewhere read, 'to *Ann* and *Mary*, queens of Great Britain.' But these two ladies, Mr. Pinkerton, (and what a pity it is that so great a scholar should not have thought of it himself,) were the *mother* and *grandmother*, and *not* the *daughters* of K. James VII.

"You will just give me leave to look a little into your *Glossary*, to see if you be as well versed in the language, as you are in the history, of your native country.

"*Bansters*, I find, you explain *blusterers*. Here honest Allan, to whom you are so much obliged, could give you no assistance. The passage runs thus (p. 53):

" 'In harst at the sheiring na yonkers are jeiring;
The *bansters* are lyart, runkled, and gray.'

That is (not the *blusterers* but), the *bandsters*, or *bindsters*, those who *bind the sheaves* after the reapers, are all decrepit old men.

"*Loaning*, 'a common green near a village.' Let its colour or situation be what it may, it is always a *lane*.

"*Swankies*, 'merry fellows.' Young peasants (swainkins).

"*Thud*, 'sudden noise.' The sound occasioned by a

* "On examining our copies of both editions of the Tragic Ballads, it stands thus: 'They were both written by Sir Robert Aytoun, who bore some office under government in the reign of James I. if I mistake not.' EDIT."

fall or blow. The explosion of a pistol is a 'sudden noise,' but not a *thud*.

"I should not doubt of being able to add considerably to this little specimen of your vulgar knowledge, had you not, by omitting the necessary references, taken every possible precaution to prevent a discovery of your mistakes.

"You will, with Mr. Urban's good leave, in a little time hear from me again.

"Yours, &c.

ANTI-SCOT.*

The BISHOP of DROMORE to Mr. PINKERTON.

"Dromore House, March 12, 1785.

"I ought long since to have acknowledged the favour of your most obliging letter; but a sore finger has lately disabled me from writing. Accept my very sincere thanks both for the compliment you intend to make me, and for your so judiciously withholding it from the subject you have mentioned. Though it would be indecorous to have set the name of a grave man at the head of any work of levity, yet, as I am sure you will never be concerned in any publication that has a tendency to corrupt the heart, so I shall not carry the austerity so far as to refuse to peruse many curious and ingenious pages of your book, because a few lines may retain the indelicacy of a coarse unpolished age; and therefore I cannot reject your obliging offer of a present of your work, which may be left with Mr. Hoole, at No. 56, in Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields; and, at the same time, I should be glad if Mr. Nichols would be so kind as to send thither any other parcels he may have had for me.

"I wrote to Mr. Nichols a pretty long letter last autumn; but, having never heard from him since, fear that either my letter or his answer miscarried; and the same, I fear, has been the fate of many a letter both to and from this remote corner of the world. Otherwise I cannot believe that my good friend above mentioned would not before this time have informed me, that the Tatlers were nearly finished, as I hear they are, but would have indulged me with one line on the subject, in which I cannot but be interested. Indeed, if I could have seen the volumes before publication, I could probably have furnished some supplemental notes, as I have been making inquiries with a view to them. I am exceedingly glad

* Gent. Mag. 1784, p. 814.

that you have taken up the subject of the Old Romances, and will contribute all I can to it; but I think the *Green Knight* is rather fit for a supplemental volume of the Old Ballads, which I mean to deliver over to my poetical nephew * in due time. Your kind intention of honouring me with the above work merits my best thanks.

"P.S. If you see Mr. Nichols, you may mention, that, as a proof I have not been unmindful of him, I have got a genuine letter written by Partridge to a person in this kingdom, on the diverting freedoms taken with him by Swift; which I procured purposely for his Supplement,† &c. And I am also in full scent of some curious anecdotes of the Dean of St. Patrick, very unlike those strange things of Sheridan's."

REV. J. DUNCOMBE to the GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE.

"MR. URBAN,

Aug. 1785.

"The 'Letters of Literature,' ‡ by Rob. Heron, Esq. (which you have lately reviewed) have 'let slip' such 'dogs of hell,' and have so invidiously worried the most established literary reputations, especially of the Latins, that in a great measure have stained and disparaged his own confessed learning and ingenuity, having miserably alloyed them by dogmatism and conceit. A few of his paradoxes give me leave to transcribe, which shall I entitle, in the fashionable phrase, Beauties, or Deformities?

"Plautus is not original, except in one or two plays. Those of Terence are mere translations. Lucretius was not altogether original. Cicero nor Cæsar cannot§ be original in any view. Sallust is an evident imitator of Thucydides, and Livy of Herodotus. Virgil is the most pitiful imitator of the whole Roman writers (as our author discusses his merits, or rather demerits, in Lett. XVI. XXIII. and XXXIII.). Catullus is not original. Tibullus I set down as original. Propertius is not. If Horace be original in any of his Odes, they are his worst work. From his grand works of the Satires, and his Epistles, put him as an original writer. But, like a Sabine puppy, he was impudent enough to prescribe an absolute rule of poetry (the duration of the drama) from his own skull.

* Dr. T. Percy.

† Mr. Nichols first published a Supplement to Swift's Works, and afterwards a complete edition of his Works.—D. T.

‡ Such a grammarian should surely have preferred "on" to "of."

§ Rather, "Neither Cicero nor Cæsar can," &c.

Ovid was doubtless original in his *Metamorphoses* and *Fasti*, but his originality is futile, and of no value. Celsus hath high merit in every view; and may, I believe, be even entitled to the praise of originality upon the whole.* To Phædrus the merit of being original cannot be denied. Juvenal and Persius have each an original style in their satires. Lucan is original, but it is the originality of Ovid, an originality of no price; as a poet, I agree with Heinsius and Corneille, that he is infinitely superior to Virgil. The *Natural History* of Pliny is an original of vast design and masterly execution. Quintilian is the only sensible critic of antiquity, but he cannot be called original. Statius, Martial, Valerius Flaccus, Silius Italicus, have no claim to originality. To Tacitus let us bend the knee as the greatest of the original Roman writers; as the first historian who wrote with philosophy for his guide; as one whose judgment and talents are infinite, and shall never be rivalled. Boëtius, the last Roman writer, has a fair claim to originality, and that not of the meanest kind. Such is the list of the *more*† eminent Latin writers. Among them we have only *eight* original (and in this order); namely, TACITUS, TIBULLUS, JUVENAL, HORACE, PLINY the Elder, CELSUS, PHÆDRUS, BOETIUS.'

"Such indeed, says Mr. Heron, are the few original Latin writers. Among the English authors the merit of being original shall be allowed to some '*Letters of Literature.*'"

"Now for modern writers. 'Gray is the first and greatest of modern lyric writers; nay, I will venture to say, of all lyric writers; his works, though few, (alas, how few!) uniting the perfections of every lyric poet, both of present and former times.' 'Boileau, a writer of meaner talents, whose genius was imitation, and whose taste was envy.' 'The *Basia* of Secundus; two, or, at most, three odes of Casimir (see my P. S. p. 581), and the *Fable of Commire*,‡ constitute all the modern Latin poetry that merits preservation.' 'The only writings of Mr. Addison, worthy to be considered as pieces of criticism,

* "A classic edition of him is much wanted. 'The late Dr. Brisbane, of Middlesex Hospital, author of the '*Anatomy of Painting*,' had made large MS. collections with this view; which I happened to purchase of a bookseller, and, if you know any man of learning who would use them with their author's intention, they should be at his service."

† Why not "*most*?"

‡ "*L'Amour et la Folie*," by the Père Commire, published by Menage.

occur in the Spectator.' This view of his critical errors, restricted to that work, is the subject of Letter XLIX.

"By way of a *bonne bouche*, I will add one of Mr. Heron's political, and another of his religious, sentiments. With what decorum he hath treated both his sovereign and the sacred fables let his readers consider.

"It is certainly fortunate that Scotland hath not been *free* above forty years; as to that circumstance we are indebted for its happy quiet, at a time when every province of the British empire evinces, in commotion, or in rebellion, the odious and most deplorable, but natural and unavoidable, effects of those Tory principles of government which have prevailed through this pitiful and miserable reign, and have made it one blot in the British annals.'

"Those innocents who call such (literary) forgery criminal, forget that they are blaspheming their Saviour and their religion; for the whole parables of Jesus Christ, which are narrated with circumstances that most strongly imply them to be true, yet are allowed fictitious, fall under this head.'

"It may also be remarked, that he has given no more quarter to the sacred than to the profane writers.

"*'Let there be light, and there was light,'* hath been sung upon *usque ad fastidium*, owing to a forged addition to Longinus . . . *'Clothed his neck with thunder,'* I will venture to pronounce the most consummate nonsense that ever was clothed with the thunder of bombast,' &c. *Sat superque.* This writer sneers at some scriptural phrases extolled by Dr. Blair, but does not recollect that some sacred imagery, ridiculed by himself in Ezekiel, had been pre-occupied by Voltaire.

"Yours, &c.

CRITO."*

"MR. URBAN,

Dec. 6, 1785.

"It is not my inclination to cavil unnecessarily at so entertaining and spirited a publication as Mr. Heron's. I protest, however, from my soul, against the prevailing rage of thinking entirely for one's 'self;' to prove which, he must of course think differently from all who have thought aloud before, and confess I wish it checked, before I am taught to give up all former objects of my admiration,

'Et demtus per vim mentis gratissimus error.'

"As Mr. Heron has a *friend* who reads your Magazine

* Gent. Mag. 1785, p. 579. Crito is the signature of Rev. J. Duncombe.

(see Gent. Mag. Nov. p. 784), if he does not himself, who will, no doubt, be *good-natured* enough to report to him any observations that may be made *against* him, I trouble you with a proof or two of the inconsistencies into which this dangerous ambition has led him.

“In p. 72, we read as follows: ‘Sometimes one man of genius rises in the space of one thousand years only: sometimes, indeed, when nature is unusually rich, three or four will appear in one country in the course of a century; as was the case when Bacon, Cromwell, Milton, Newton, illuminated England together, or at short successions.’

“In a subsequent letter, p. 160, we read, ‘The names of Chaucer, Shakspeare, Milton, and Gray, are as remote as those of Bacon and Newton: centuries elapse between them.’

“Mr. Gray is (and very deservedly) his great and almost only favourite, though at the expense, I think, of his consistency; at least, we should not have guessed it from the following observations: Upon quoting this line from Bishop Hall’s Satires,

‘Now toss they bowls of Bacchus’ boiling blood;’

he remarks, p. 8, that ‘Bacchus’ boiling blood’ were, in the mouth of an ancient Greek or Roman, an exquisite phrase for wine; *but you know I declare war against the whole crew of Heathen deities in modern verse.*’ Not to ask, whether ‘boiling blood’ were not full as exquisite *in the mouth* of an Hottentot, I wish to know, whether Mr. Gray has been sparing of the services of this *crew*? In the Hymns to Adversity, to Spring, and in the Progress of Poetry, we find them; nay, in the Sonnet upon Mr. West’s death, we find Phœbus; which, considering he could not well introduce them in the Bard, or in the Welsh or Erse odes, are no very small part of his compositions.

“Again, in his bitter attack upon the language of Scripture, Mr. Heron pronounces, ‘he cloathed his neck with thunder,’ to be consummate nonsense: had it been found in any Grub-street writer of heroic panegyric, we should never have done laughing at it: a horse wearing a neckcloth in battle, and a neckcloth of thunder.—‘Proh deum atque hominum fidem!’

“Such is Mr. Heron’s observation; and yet Gray, whose ‘works are of classical *correctness*,’ and ‘who never

uses a word 'without due value being stamped upon it,' borrows this 'consummate nonsense,'

'Two coursers of ætherial race,
With necks in thunder cloth'd, and long resounding pace.'

"J. D."*

"P. S. Mr. Heron objects to the phrase 'Citizen of the World;' and asks, 'Whether the world is a city?' Had this observation come from any of Shakspeare's commentators, would not Mr. H. have been apt to add, 'Don't he say *office* of the army; and is the army an house of *office*?'"

REV. S. BADCOCK TO MR. NICHOLS.

"Nov. 21, 1785.

"Mr. Heron is, I find, Pinkerton the Rhimester. He hath talents, but his rage for singularity is insufferably disgusting. I have his 'Letters' to review; but have not yet written one word on the subject. If he have any shame, I must make him blush at one of the grossest blunders that a man, who would have the world think him learned, *could* have committed. He cannot put it off."†

Mr. Badcock's Review of Heron's Letters appeared in the Monthly Review for March, 1786, p. 175.

"'It seems to have been one leading object of this writer to excite attention by singularity; well considering indeed, that a little man, when he stands alone, is a more conspicuous figure than a taller and bulkier person who mixes with the crowd. * * * Singularity hath few attractions to charm our eyes at this period of life. * * We are more and more confirmed in our opinion that what has been sanctified by ages, and ratified by the universal suffrage of the best and wisest of mankind, must have some permanent foundation in nature that will not easily yield to the attack of those who are "grown so wise" as to "think their fathers fools," and we are persuaded that the *little* Titan of yesterday will be equally unsuccessful with the heroes of ancient fable, whose bold exploits they have the vanity to ape. The former, we suppose, made *angels weep*; but the "fantastic tricks" of the latter must make mortals laugh.'"‡

* Gent. Mag. 1785, p. 950. Probably written by the Rev. J. Duncombe.

† Gent. Mag. 1788, p. 869.

‡ Monthly Review, lxxiv. 176. The whole of this very able review is well worth perusal.

Mr. PINKERTON to BISHOP PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Knightsbridge, 19 Nov. 1785.

"The Scottish Poems from the Maitland MS. being now printed off in two volumes, I have desired Mr. Nichols to send a copy to your Lordship, which I beg your acceptance of as a small token of my gratitude for the favour your Lordship did me in pointing out the MS. and other kindnesses. My Preface will also serve to commemorate my sentiments on this occasion, and if it lies in my power to make any return, I shall never be deficient in zeal at least.

"Before proceeding to publish the Romances* (which will be an easy work), I wish much to have some transcripts from the MS. in the Advocates' Library, mentioned by your Lordship in the 'Reliques.' This I find is difficult to manage, few people in Edinburgh being qualified for the task, but hope soon to accomplish this, and then shall let your Lordship know my plan, &c. and as I never choose to be a plagiarist, even of first thoughts, I hope in my dedication to testify due respect to the first projector of this design. Many ancient Scottish Poets I also propose to republish, as your Lordship will see from the present production; but editions are very easy matters, and one might publish half a dozen in a year. They are indeed amusements, and not labours; as I have found, who, while the present work was in hand, have been at the same time occupied in one of the most laborious tasks ever attempted.

"It is some years since I formed the design of writing the History of Scotland, from the earliest accounts till the reign of Mary; to be comprised in forty books, forming two volumes, 4to. But the earliest part, from the beginning till Malcolm III. 1054, is so overwhelmed in fiction, that I find it absolutely necessary to dig a foundation, and clear away rubbish, ere I venture to build an edifice. This I mean to do by publishing first in 8vo. 'An Inquiry into the History of Scotland prior to the reign of Malcolm III. or year 1054.' So far as I have gone, I find that it is to the most violent and pitiful national preju-

* The Romances alluded to were probably those of Sir Gawain and Gologras, &c. inserted in the "Scottish Poems reprinted," 3 vols. 8vo. Lond. 1792.—F. M.

dices alone that we are indebted for the obscurity of our early history. The following are the grand divisions of my work :

“ Part I. The ancient Celtic Inhabitants of Scotland, prior to the Christian æra, or any records.

“ II. The Britons south of Forth and Clyde. Kingdom of Cumbria, &c.

“ III. The Picts. Shown to be Scandinavians (from Bede and many other authorities). Came to Scotland about the Christian æra. Drove out the Celts. Pictish tribes conquered by Agricola. Established a kingdom in the Isles (see Solinus, &c.), which after spreads into the free tribes in Scotland. Catalogues of their kings from four ancient Chronicles, prior to Fordun, compared with that published by Fordun, &c. Never conquered, but brought under Scottish dominion by right of marriage. Form at this day almost the whole Lowlanders of Scotland. (See ‘ Essay on the Origin of Scottish Poetry,’ prefixed to my present publication.)

IV. Scots. Originally Irish. A small colony came over in the third century under Reuda. (Beda, Irish Annals.) Driven out in 447 (Gildas, Beda). No kingdom till 503, when Fergus, son of Erc, acquired from the Picts a petty sovereignty in Argyle. (Irish Annals, all our Chronicles prior to Fordun, &c.) Exact series of the kings from thence till 850, when Kenneth by marriage succeeded to the Pictish throne. Insignificance of the Scots even after this. (Old Charters and Chronicles, Ailred, Richard of Hagulstad, &c.) Ireland, undoubtedly Scotia, till the eleventh century (a whole cloud of witnesses). How Abania came to be called Scotia, &c.

“ Such, my Lord, is the skeleton of a work to which all my other labours are a jest, but which will fix the ancient history of my country upon the firm basis of ancient authorities, that nothing can shake. Men of science and all lovers of truth I shall convince; and as for the rest, *si vulgus vult decipi, decipiatur*. Let them put up with the dreams of the father of Ossian, and other followers of prejudice. I write not for them, but for those who know that ancient history can only rest upon ancient authorities. Now, my Lord, there is one favour I earnestly request of your Lordship, in order to render my work as perfect as possible, and that is, that your

Lordship would endeavour to procure from Dublin translations of such little notes in the Irish Annals prior to 1054 as concern Scotland. There are in the College Libraries at Dublin three or four books of Annals in Irish, as the Psalter of Cashel, written in the tenth age; the Annals of Tigernac, in the eleventh, &c. and perhaps one or two passages about the Alban Scots may be found in them. I would write to Colonel Vallancey, the antiquary, at once, but he is so hot-headed in his writings, that I fear he would load me with fables. But accurate translations, with a note of the age of the MS. are what I want, and if your Lordship would use your influence, Scotland would ever be grateful for the attention: and any expense whatever attending it I shall most thankfully pay to Mr. Nichols, or any other person, by your Lordship's order. In short, your Lordship cannot confer a greater obligation on a whole kingdom than by this service, not to mention the extreme favour it will do me as an individual.

"O'Flaherty, in his 'Ogygia,' mentions a Chronological Poem of the Scottish Kings. If this be in any library in the College at Dublin, as I am told, an exact copy of the original, and a literal translation, would be a vast acquisition, as it bears to be written under Malcolm III. A great point is the colony of Reuda mentioned by Beda, what account the Irish Annals give of it; if the Dalreudini were originally settled in Scotland, but returned to Ireland, where we find them in Irish Annals; or if from Ireland they went under the name of Dalreudini to Scotland. I particularly beg that your Lordship will ask at different Irishmen, what is the meaning of *dal*, as Macpherson says it does not signify a portion or district in Irish; yet the Irish antiquaries say it does.

"Has your Lordship ever seen Douglas's 'Palace of Honour,' printed at London 1553, and at Edinburgh 1579? It is the only old Scottish piece which I can find nowhere. The 'Complaint of Scotland,' 1549, is quoted in the 'Reliques.' Does your Lordship know where any copy is? If your Lordship wishes any extract, &c. from the Museum, or any public library here, please let me know, and I shall gladly do it, for I shall with great pleasure make any little return I can for the trouble I give you, knowing that it will not be in my power to express by any

important service how much I am, my Lord, your Lordship's most obliged faithful servant, J. PINKERTON."

MR. PINKERTON to the GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE.

"MR URBAN, Feb. 13, 1786.

"As I find that a writer in the Critical Review* hath, in his account of my little work, made two reflections on my character, which might stain it both as an author and as a man, I must beg of you to admit a few lines in vindication. The reflections are, 1. An accusation of puffing my own writings, though I loudly condemn that practice in these Letters. 2. A positive charge of plagiarism from a book, called 'Letters by Mr. Jackson,' very lately printed.

"1. The error of the first charge may, perhaps, be more particularly known to you, Mr. Urban, because you have admitted many friendly letters about my trifling performance into your miscellany, and, it is likely, know from what hands they come. But I must add, and that upon the whole faith and veracity of a man who hath a much more precious character than that of author to maintain, that I never have used, nor shall use, any such infamous arts. If any friend has sent any thing in this way to the periodical prints, it is utterly without my knowledge. But, indeed, the numerous attacks upon these Letters are of such a nature, that no man can sincerely imagine my friends, or me, to have any concern in them. By puffing, I here mean, Mr. Urban, any intercourse with any periodical prints, either in praise or blame of one's writings. In respect of defence, this may surely be allowed; yet, were it not for an occasion of this singular kind, I should ever entrust that to the reader with respectful silence.

"2. With regard to plagiarism, heavy is the charge, nay, utterly destructive, were it not wholly without foundation. For, Mr. Urban, upon the solemn adjuration above used, and by every tie of truth which can bind a man to society, I never have seen the above work of Mr. Jackson, called, as the reviewer says, 'Thirty Letters;' nor have ever heard it mentioned. Nor have any letters, or other writings, of Mr. Jackson, been ever read, seen, or heard of by me.

* The Letters of Literature were reviewed in the Critical Review for January 1786, p. 13; and "A Letter to Robert Heron, Esq." containing Remarks on his Letters of Literature, in the same volume, p. 471.

Perhaps some of your correspondents can inform when that book was published ;* and, if quite recently, I solemnly assure you that my 'Letters' were designed, as appears from my common-place books, in 1779 (two years before any other work imputed to me was published), and were, in 1780 and 1781, mentioned as a design to two or three friends : were begun in 1782, and finished in November, 1783. Of the last date proof can be produced, if one or two respectable friends have kept my letters, or can charge their memory with the time. At any rate, a letter from one of our first literary characters, dated Dec. 28, 1781† [eighty-ONE], and in answer to one in which I acquainted him with the title, plan, and chief subjects meant to be treated, is left with Mr. Nichols, your printer, for the inspection of any person : in which he says, 'I shall be very glad to see any future publication of yours, and especially the Letters of Literature which you propose,' &c.

"As the reviewer seems as much disposed to praise as to blame, and is not destitute of candour, though quite misinformed in many particulars he admits, for want of reflecting that the most insignificant writer may have many enemies, it is hoped he will with pleasure retract these two great mistakes.

"THE AUTHOR OF LETTERS OF LITERATURE."‡

MR. PINKERTON TO BISHOP PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Knightsbridge, Jan. 23, 1786.

"Since writing to your Lordship, Mr. Nichols informs me that he knows not how to send the parcel to your Lordship, and I beg you will instruct us. I have also discovered that the Psalter of Cashel cannot be found, and that Tigernac is at Oxford ; so that I was mistaken in my request about them. But, my Lord, I beg that you will exert your great influence to procure literal transcripts and translations of all such sentences in the Irish Annals as relate to Scotland prior to 1055, which, it is believed, will not fill six pages.

"Lord Buchan informs me, that your Lordship is promoting an Irish Society of Antiquaries,§ which I am happy

* It appeared in 1783. See *Gent. Mag.* vol. LIII. p. 332.

† This passage occurs in the letter of Dr. Percy to Mr. Pinkerton, already printed in this volume, p. 99.

‡ *Gent. Mag.* 1786, p. 95.

§ The Royal Irish Academy.

to hear. Depend on it, my Lord, that I am a stranger to that little invidious spirit which animates most Scottish antiquaries against the antiquities of that noble island and worthy sister of Britain in which you now dwell. From the birth of Christ much may be done in Irish history; but the Irish antiquaries hurt their cause by going further, and lose the flesh by grasping at the shadow.

"But, my Lord, I entreat you by all your regard for antiquities to use your best endeavours in the following point, about which it is likely Lord Buchan may also write to you. O'Flaherty, in his '*Ogygia*,' and in his defence of it lately published by Mr. O'Connor,* and Kennedy, in his *Genealogy of the House of Stuart* (Paris, 1705, 8vo.) both mention a short *Chronicle of Scottish Kings in Irish rhyme*, which bears in its conclusion to be written under Malcolm III. Now, my Lord, this is, of all our historical monuments, the most ancient, and of the first importance to our early history, and it would be a high favour to the whole Scottish nation if any copy of that *Chronicle* could be procured; for O'Flaherty speaks as if different copies were extant. I cannot too earnestly entreat your Lordship to use every application to procure so valuable a national record, which all our antiquaries as earnestly wish to see. If it is in my power to serve your Lordship by any intelligence from libraries in England, I shall with the utmost pleasure.

"I beg, my Lord, that if other avocations prevent your attending to these matters, you will by a single line let me know, that I may lose no time in applying to some learned gentleman of Ireland about them. Nor shall I murmur at this, knowing the many important duties of your station may totally prevent your minding such trifles. Depend on it, my Lord, I shall in all events retain a most grateful sense of your kindness to me, and ever be, with great respect, my Lord, your Lordship's obliged and faithful servant,

"JOHN PINKERTON."

"I am informed that your Lordship has a copy of the '*Complaint of Scotland*' (printed 1549), and should be

* Charles O'Connor, of Balanagare, author of the *Dissertations on the History of Ireland*, &c. and father of the Rev. Dr. O'Connor, late librarian to the Duke of Buckingham, with whom he is confounded by Mr. Dawson Turner.—F. M.

glad, if it has the title-page, to have a fac-simile of it, as the book is meant to be reprinted. But I suspect no copy has the title, save that which belonged to Lord Oxford, and was sold by Osborn. Does your Lordship know who got this last? The title is very important, as it bears the book to be written by Wedderburn, not Sir James Inglis, as commonly thought."

Remarks on the Essay prefixed to Pinkerton's Ancient Scottish Poems. By RICHARD GOUGH, Esq.

"MR. URBAN,

Feb. 2, 1786.

"That bold assertion and hardy declamation are talents possessed in an eminent degree by the editor of 'Ancient Scottish Poems,' in 2 vols. 8vo. can be doubted by no one who has read a collection of 'Letters' universally ascribed to him, or the prefatory essay prefixed to his avowed edition of the said Ancient Scottish Poems. The same spirit pervades both works; the same ascription of pre-eminence in poetry to Mr. Gray; the same determination to decry every composition or history that bears the name of Scripture.

"If cool reason, or even probable conjecture, could be permitted a fair hearing in Mr. P.'s court of judicature, one might plead that the Jews were older than the Celts, consequently than the Britons, Picts, or Scots; that Judæa was not a province of Syria till a period when Syrian history itself commenced, now almost annihilated, or reduced to a few fragments, preserved in Jewish or other writers; that Bayle's authority, like that of Voltaire, is inadmissible to those who read with care and attention; that the Christian religion is founded on the Jewish; that the Jews were chosen by God as the people, at the time of such election, best calculated to preserve his oracles and institutions pure, though not more infallible than other surrounding nations whom they were employed to extirpate, and whose vices they, like other nations who think themselves more enlightened and civilised, copied to their ruin. The God of the Jews, under these circumstances, was authorised both to extirpate the corrupt nations round his chosen people, and to reject that people also when they fell into the same corruptions;

nor is there any authority, but an improper translation or corrupted text, to make that Being the author or abettor of human sacrifices, any more than to conclude the Hebrews under barbarism, or make the true God a dæmon. These are too glaring absurdities, too palpable contradictions, too self-evident falsehoods, for the most positive and daring declamation to impose on any man ever so little versed in the history of the world, or possessed of the smallest grain of candour and reflection; and it should further be observed, that they are lugged by head and shoulders into the place they here occupy.

“ But, to shew the uncertainty of such point-blank and confident assertions, we need only examine the hypothesis which is to overturn the generally-received one of all nations having one common father. We are nevertheless to believe, that all Europeans, and many Asiatics, have one common origin; that Greeks sprung from Asiatics; Britons from Gauls; Welsh, Scots, and Irish from Britons; and that the Scots know as little about their origin and antiquities as the Jews did: for the ancient name of Scotland was Cumbria, and the derivation of the names of its town and cities is Welsh, and the Picts, or Pits (for they are not allowed a *c* in their original name), are deduced from *phechton* (Teutonic), to fight, as if they were fighters *κατ' ἐξοχην*, as much as the Scythians were shooters; and the Caledonians, whose name is a general epithet for the Britons, even of the South, from their dwelling in woods, notwithstanding the *Sylva Caledonia* must have been some one specific forest, were of a distinct race from the other Britons. Thus then are we as shockingly deceived by profane or modern historians as if we trust to Scripture for the origin of men or nations.

“ ‘The Picts appear to have been quite without the use of letters.’ Yet they had a language, and that the Gothic, which had been a written language from the time of Ovid, who himself wrote in it. But the Picts were too warlike and rude a people to have any thing but oral poetry; and as ‘memory is a most fallacious engine, and will often deceive a man grossly,’ how can we expect now to meet with any specimens of it? Their language, however, ‘remains almost pure in Buchan.’

“ Etymology, it should seem, is not a better guide. It is not to this day determined which of the Celtic dialects

is the most ancient ; and, by our author's partiality to that language, he certainly gives it pre-eminence to all others in the world. 'The Hebrew is, in all probability, only a late dialect of the Syro-Phœnician.' What then is the Syro-Phœnician ? is it radical, aboriginal, or derived ?

"The fourteenth century, Mr. P. says, forms almost the utmost bound of ancient Scottish literature.

"Mr. P. forgets how applicable to himself is his observation of Mr. Macpherson, that 'he says his theory is new, and ought to have known of course that it is false. It would be quite new to assert that Xerxes never existed,* and for this we have only history, as well as for the origin of the Scots : ' may we not add of the world itself ? and is not Moses, as the author of his history, at least as creditable an historian as Herodotus, or Diodorus Siculus, Higden, or other compilers of universal history ; or as Thucydides, Xenophon, Livy, Tacitus, Beda, William of Malmesbury, Matthew Paris, or other historians of particular æras or people ? And why not allow Moses as much credit as Geoffrey of Monmouth, whose work is certainly full of fables ? But it requires prodigious credulity to believe it wholly a fable. By what common test shall we try their respective merits ? By the philosophy of history, which is so admirably exploded by a writer who, in this editor's opinion, 'deserves the highest praise for his labours in Scottish history ?' Yet, as Lord Hailes's 'Remarks on the History of Scotland' may not be in every one's hands, I shall make no apology for transcribing the passage :

" 'Next to the passions of man, I know not any thing which has so fatally checked the growth and progress of truth, as that prejudice, which tries every fact and custom related in history by the standard of our own manners. When we read of facts or customs dissimilar from what we see every day, we generally pronounce them to be fictions. This is the brief decision of ignorance. But, if we chance to know anything of the laws of evidence, we pronounce them to be absurd. By this standard the laws of Lycurgus, of the Decemvirs, and even of Moses, have been tried. By it the Greeks judged of Asiatic customs, the

* "Does Mr. P. forget that one of his own countrymen lately brought the Grecian history into question because he could not find its facts in the Persian history ? Mr. P. would say, it was because the Persians despised the Greeks."

French of the Greek theatre. By it, I doubt not, our approved European manners will be re-tried, whenever the Hottentots shall have imbibed a slight tincture of the belles-lettres.'

"Mr. P. has a stricter test. 'It is in vain,' he says, 'for a man to put the spectacles of learning on his nose: if he has not the candle of good sense burning by him, he will be never the better.' I recollect, in a pocket edition of 'Hudibras,' published about the beginning of this century, a cut put at the end of several of the cantos, of a monkey in spectacles, sitting between two candles, reading, and making remarks with his pen.* This amusement of my childish hours I little thought of applying to modern hypercriticism, into the constitution of which enters so large a portion of self-sufficiency, pedantry, and scepticism.

"Yours, &c. R. S."†

BISHOP PERCY TO MR. PINKERTON.

"Dromore House, Feb. 11th, 1786.

"Your first very obliging favour of 19th November would not have remained unacknowledged, till your second of January 23 reminded me how long I had been in your debt, had I not been uncertain whether I should be at Dublin this winter or not, in order to execute your first commands; and I delayed writing till that was decided, which it is now in the negative. Very important business of this see will keep me here altogether in the country: and, having sent my proxy to Parliament, my attendance there is excused. On this account, I fear I cannot be of that use to you in your researches to which the slightest intimation of your wishes and my own desires to aid your valuable labours would sufficiently incline me. I am truly glad to see the discussion of the early history of Scotland is likely to fall into such good hands as yours; and I both applaud your resolution, and wish the greatest success to your undertaking. I am afraid it will not be easy to procure any extracts from Irish manuscripts without the aid of Colonel Vallancey; who (except an amanuensis of his) is the only person in this kingdom known to me, who pretends to read an

* This alludes to a woodcut in *Gent. Mag.* for 1786, p. 115.

† From the *Gent. Mag.* for 1786, p. 115.

Irish manuscript or to understand the old language. You would be surprised, if you observed, as I do, how little the original language of this country is cultivated or understood by the aboriginal natives of it.

"We last winter began to form a society, in imitation of those in London and Edinburgh, for studying and preserving a knowledge of the antiquities of Ireland: then I had an opportunity of making the above remark. I believe that there is not a Fellow of Dublin College that can read a line in their old Irish manuscripts. Vallancey, as you justly observe, is so hot-headed, that he is a very bad medium through whom to come at any sound, solid information; and yet I can only refer you to him. If I were in Dublin, I would apply to none but him, and unfortunately I am not upon that footing with him to apply to him by letter; for he is as hot-tempered as he is hot-headed, and downright quarrelled with me one evening at the Society, for presuming to question some of his wild reveries. Yet I must do him the justice to say, that he, like other warm people, is very good-natured; and, if you would apply to him by letter, cautiously concealing your incredulity as to his historical tenets, you would find him obligingly active to serve you (I am persuaded); and he could do it; for he keeps an old Irish amanuensis, as I said above, who is continually making transcripts and extracts from the old Irish manuscripts for his use. This man I saw copying an old Irish manuscript for Colonel Vallancey in Archbishop Marsh's Library in Dublin, a public library founded by Archbishop Marsh, who bought Bishop Stillingsfleet's library as the foundation, &c. replete with valuable books, both printed and manuscript. Here, in this northern county of Down, the Irish language is quite worn out among our colonists from Scotland and England; so that none of the Campbells, Frazers, Hamiltons, &c. who inhabit Dromore, can give any assistance in explaining *dal*; but, on looking into Lloyd's *Archæologia*, folio, Oxford, 1707, (a work you should have always at your elbow,) I find in his Irish-English Dictionary he interprets *dal*, 'a share, part, or portion;' as *dalaighim* is 'to assign, appoint,' &c. Apply, therefore, to Colonel Vallancey, either in your own name, or through our friend Lord Buchan, as a public friend to antiquities; and I doubt not his enlisting himself and his old Irish amanuensis in your service, for making the ex-

tracts you want from the manuscript. If he superadds his own visionary comment, this you must silently prune away, when you compose your work. For any critical explanation of names or words I could get at O'Connor, but he lives remote from Dublin, I believe altogether in the country; otherwise, he understands the old Irish, and I believe could examine its manuscripts. If you wish at any time to address O'Connor himself on any point relating to your subject, and will inclose your letter to me, I will get it conveyed to him; though I am not acquainted with him myself. But then, for fear of delay from my great avocations, do not let me be obliged to write myself on the subject to either of you.

"I am much obliged to you for your intended kind present of your book, which I long much to see; and it may be left for the Bishop of Dromore, at the Rev. Dr. Lort's house, Saville Row, near Burlington Gardens, with an explanatory card; just mentioning that the Bishop of Dromore desired you to leave it there, and hoped his good friend, Dr. Lort, would excuse the liberty, till he could give further directions about it.

"I have at your service a very fair copy of 'The Palis of Honour, compyeled by Gawyne Dowglas, Bysshope of Dunkyll. Imprinted at London in Fleet Stret at the sygne of the Rose Garland, by Wyllyam Copland. God save Quene Marye.' In small 4to. containing thirty-nine leaves only. At the end is the Printer's colyphon, 'Imprinted at London in Flete Strete at the sygne of the Rose Garland, by Wyllyam Coplande,' but no date at all. It is needless to add, that it is all in a fat black letter, bound up with the edition of the 'Eneados,' London, printed 1553. I am pretty sure I have the 'Complaint of Scotland' amidst my immense farrago, never sorted since I came into this country. I fancy what I know of it I heard from Lord Hailes.

"T. PERCY."

"Dromore House, March 23rd, 1786.

"The Bishop of Dromore's compliments to Mr. Pinkerton: he hopes he will excuse a short billet written in haste, to acknowledge, without delay, the receipt of his favour of the 13th inst. and to assure him he has forwarded, as directed, the two inclosed letters to Colonel Vallancey and Mr. O'Connor.

“The Bishop will take the first opportunity in his power to forward ‘Bishop Douglass’s Palis of Honour;’ but, as it is bound up with the ‘Æneid’ in 4to. and both are very fair copies, the Bishop wishes they may be both preserved clean, and not suffered to go into the smutty hands of the printers. The Bishop concludes Mr. Pinkerton has got a transcript of another allegorical poem of Gawain Douglas, intitled ‘King Hart;’ which is preserved in manuscript in Maitland’s Collection, page 226, beginning thus—

“King Hart into his cumlie castel strong,”—

if not, the Bishop has a transcript at his service, and some few manuscript illustrations, partly his own, and partly communicated by John Davidson, Esq. a writer to the signet in Edinburgh, a man of learning, and a very excellent critic, to whose kind offices principally the Bishop was indebted for procuring him the loan of Bannatyne’s manuscript out of the Advocates’ Library; but indeed he was favoured in this by all his friends in Scotland, who were numerous, and used their influence in concurrence with Mr. Davidson in obtaining so great an indulgence. The Bishop hath not been able to find any copy of the ‘Complaint of Scotland,’ among his pamphlets, &c. which have been so shuffled about in travelling from London to Carlisle, and thence to Ireland, that it is not impossible but it may have been lost, if he ever had it.

“P.S. Your frank did not prevent the postage: this I only mention, to save you the trouble of such an application in future. I shall never scruple postage for any packet you may wish to transmit through me to others, &c. though I cannot but lament our difference in opinion in what I think some very essential points; and, as many others as well as myself think them of great importance to the welfare of society, the least to be wished is, that this departure from the received opinions should not officiously or unnecessarily be obtruded on the world. Excuse this general reflection, which, till I have seen your book, I cannot judge whether it be well applied or not.”

Rev. Dr. TOWNSON to the GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE.

"MR. URBAN,

[April, 1786.]

"I have only read what you have cited from Mr. Heron's Works, and it may be my misfortune to see no more of them. But this specimen is a sufficient evidence of his admirable taste and discernment: a bright instance of which is his criticism on the encomiums of the younger Cato by Virgil, Horace, and Lucan.

"Horace * says, in speaking of the civil war between Pompey and Julius Cæsar, 'that the whole earth bowed before the conqueror, all but the fierce soul of Cato.' He designed, no doubt, to exalt the character of this chief; but, not to offend Augustus, he has tempered the poet's fire with a little of the courtier's address. It was peculiar to the invincible spirit of Cato to prefer death to submission. He mentions the fact simply, and leaves Pompeians and Cæsareans to descant upon it as they pleased. But it is this that I would principally observe of Horace. Disciple as he was of Epicurus, he treated those whom he would most extol as subordinate to their supreme divinities. A fine sense of what was natural and becoming still governed the language of his admiration, or flattery.

"Let us now hear Lucan.† On the subject of the same civil war, he first declares it an impiety to decide, whether Pompey or Cæsar drew the sword with more right; and he then gives his reason; 'Each,' he says, 'justifies himself by a great authority; the victorious cause was approved by the gods, BUT the vanquished by Cato.' Here Cato is opposed singly to all their deities; his justice is weighed against theirs; and the scale is turned in his favour: for *but* intimates a preference; and what the poet in one line disclaims as an impiety, in the next he ventures pretty plainly to do,—to determine which cause was the better.

"The men of sense whom I have had opportunity of conversing with look on this passage as an indecent piece of rant, hazarded by Lucan at the expense of some inconsistency with himself, and, at best, as a flower fitter for a school-boy's exercise than the gravity of an heroic poem. But how egregious their mistake! for Mr. Heron sees it to be sublimity itself; and, seeing so sharply where others

* Odes. Book II. Ode I. ver. 23.

† Pharsalia. Book I. ver. 128.

are blind, he claps and encores it with infinite pleasantness and self-satisfaction :

In vacuo lætus sessor plausorque theatro.

“ Virgil,* to do honour to the memory of Cato, makes him the legislator of Elysium. We are not to transfer our Christian ideas of the ‘ spirits of just men made perfect ’ to the Elysium of the poets. They who are admitted into it are described as purified indeed from all vice, but otherwise as carrying thither the dispositions, and a love for the pursuits, of the former life. Some study to excel in manly exercises ; some in poetry or eloquence ; others in scientific or moral researches. Now, where competitions, however temperate, must arise, and doubts might occur—for we are not to think them infallible—on subjects of high importance, variously stated and argued, it seems for the greater good of the happy community, that one or more should preside,—of genius and wisdom, to define what was best in each kind of excellence,—and of pure unbiassed philanthropy, to decide for the most deserving Roman, Greek, or Barbarian. Virgil supposes this dignity to be vested in Cato, and, as conferred on him by the heroes, sages, and refined spirits of Elysium, to be a noble testimony to his virtues. Unfortunate panegyrist ! For Mr. Heron† opines that Horace’s praise of Cato is excellent, Lucan’s transcendent, but Virgil’s futile and ridiculous. His judgment in criticism resembling that of his Cato in morals, to dispute it were profane. They whom Heaven has not visited with a taste, and who therefore admire Virgil as one of the first rank of poets, have only to request that they be indulged in a pleasing error, which has been, and is likely to continue, pretty general. Discoveries, such as are made by the rare genius of Mr. Heron, will require, what may be seldom found, a near affinity of genius to adopt them.

“ Yours, &c. MANTUAN.”†

Mr. PINKERTON to the GENTLEMAN’S MAGAZINE.§

“ MR. URBAN,

Oct. 4, 1786.

“ As you have admitted many censures on Mr. Heron’s ‘ Letters of Literature ’ into your miscellany, it is hoped

* *Æneid*, VIII. ver. 670.

† *Gent. Mag.* for July, 1785, p. 544.

‡ *Gent. Mag.* 1786, p. 284.

§ *Gent. Mag.* 1786, p. 943.

you will not refuse to hear a few words in defence of that work. Literary quarrels are of all others the most ridiculous, and have little need to be rendered still more so by heat and scurrility. He who is at a loss for arguments naturally grows peevish; and passion in such cases is a sure sign of the absence of reason. An author, conscious of truth and rectitude, will often express himself vehemently; but this vehemence, this *acer animi vis*, differs as widely from declamatory heat as the warmth of the sun from that of a furnace. For these reasons this short defence shall be proposed with the utmost moderation; for what cannot be defended with the coolest ratiocination certainly deserves no defence. Much heat has often appeared in attacks on these Letters, and expressions so scorching as to singe the paper; but let us throw a little cold water upon them, Mr. Urban, and they will hiss and be extinguished.

“These Letters have nothing that can offend morality or science. Whence then these severe censures of them? From two causes:—1. That the author has spoken freely of some living persons, who thus take their revenge.—2. That he has criticised the favourite authors of others.

“The former cause of enmity is, no doubt, a very strong one: but the revenge would be more manly if the persons offended would use the sword of argument, instead of the pop-gun of invective. Had Mr. Heron regarded what is now called reputation, he would certainly have avoided offending people who, as he doubtless knew, have great influence over the periodical dispensatories of fame, and, by them, over the public opinion. But he, questionless, thought this age and country too much enlightened to be long deceived by any misrepresentations; and hoped to be coolly heard, only after the clamour of this opposition had subsided. It has been observed by one critic, that the intent of these Letters seemed to be, to introduce a total revolution into literary opinions. To me they appear only to propose a reform, and not a revolution; for there are as many old opinions supported in them as new ones advanced. But even a reform, if not quashed at once, must be a matter of long time, and gradual progress. A Huss and a Jerome of Prague may suffer persecution for it before a more fortunate Luther arise. As the attacks in the periodical prints have mostly sprung from personal enmity, and not from any love of truth or science, they

can have but a temporary influence upon a work which proposes to advance the cause of truth and science: and have indeed only served to attract unexpected notice upon what was evidently written for the thinking few, whose opinions prevail infallibly, but very slowly; and by centuries, not by years. This personal enmity must die with the author, and with his antagonists; but, if his work bears the signature of truth, it will live,—and, if not, the sooner it dies the better.

“The second cause of enmity is as strong as the first. For weak men naturally idolize their favourite authors; and their zeal and rage when they are criticised equal those of savages when their idols are torn down. It is almost impossible, Mr. Urban, to conceive the fury of a man who has laid up a pretty little stock of ideas, and finds them turned topsy-turvy by some insolent intruder into his mental cabinet. For if he loses these ideas, where shall he get new ones? Strong minds, on the contrary, love new ideas, as they naturally produce them, and never regard a loss which they can instantly repair; or rather a collision, by which they gain fresh sparks of knowledge and pleasure. It is well known that a great mark of insanity is the incapability of bearing contradiction: when you contradict a madman, you throw him into his fit; when you contradict a man of sense he converses with you. De la Motte observes, that, ‘with the many, to differ from their opinion, seems a sign that you despise them; and their self-love hastens to avenge this groundless suspicion by hatred.’ This appears the real origin of that singular species of hatred arising from difference in opinion, which is the more violent as it is totally unjust; and, as Tacitus remarks, *odiis, quorum causæ acriores quia iniquæ*. For this hatred rises solely from a false suspicion: and opposite opinions can never kindle it in enlightened minds. To quarrel with a person because he dissents from you is surely as ludicrous as to quarrel with him because his clothes are not of the same colour with your own.

“Let me now proceed to answer a few such remarks on these Letters as may seem to merit notice, with as much brevity as possible; for I have little time and paper to spare. The poor and weak scurrilities which a few have employed against them honour the work by disgracing its enemies, and require no notice.

“The attack on Virgil, as a mere abridger, and a very

bad abridger, of Homer, has, as might be expected, excited much animadversion. But, though abundant abuse and declamation have followed, yet it is strange, Mr. Urban, that not one argument has appeared against this degradation of Virgil. One critic has argued a little, but unhappily only with sophisms. He says, Mr. Heron judges of ancient works by modern ideas; which he certainly does, because he often dissents from old ideas. Then tells us that, though the love of Æneas for Dido be now a gross error in chronology, it was not so anciently! —Your reason, Sir?—Because those old times were dark times, and chronology a mass of confusion. Thus unhappily falling under his own charge of judging by modern ideas; for in Virgil's time the period of Æneas was but 1200 years old, and that of Dido but 800; whereas now the former is near 3000, and the latter 2586; so that in Virgil's time the error was more manifest and inexcusable than now, because he lived so much nearer the periods he perverted; and must have known from Herodotus, Varro, and others, just as much about the real epochs of Æneas and Dido as we do at present, if not more. But he wanted, in defiance of all chronology and common sense, to link the fates of Carthage and Rome, the celebrated rivals for the empire of the world. This critic again accuses Mr. Heron of modern ideas upon ancient subjects, because he objects to Virgil's representing Cato as giving laws to the departed pious in Elysium,

Secretisque piis, his dantem jura Catonem.

Our critic* says, that in Elysium the departed were not perfect, so might receive laws: and again falls under his own charge of judging ancient subjects by modern opinions, or rather by utter ignorance; for what ancient, or what modern, ever dreamed of the good, the *pii*, requiring laws for their conduct in Elysium? while, as an ancient said, the difference between the good and the wicked lay in this, that, were there no laws, the good would act as they did. Mr. Heron says nothing of the perfection or imperfection of the good in Elysium; he only says, 'they were emancipated from possibility of crime; and there could be no laws where there was no punishment nor reward.' Can this be denied? Can even the most ignorant suppose that the ancients thought a good man might become a criminal in Elysium? Can any be so weak as to

* See Dr. Townson's Remarks reprinted in this volume, p. 127.

be imposed upon by such illiterate sophistry? The other remarks of this critic, on other parts of these Letters, are equally sophistic and fallacious with the above. Mr. Heron's meaning constantly suffers by passing through such a strainer: and the critic fights with his own nonsense, being so kind as to murder himself for Mr. Heron's sake, who, I dare say, expected no such sacrifice, though he must doubtless suffer great mortification at having so weak an enemy.

"A critic of a very different stamp, possessed both of talents and learning, says, that Mr. Heron accuses Virgil's *Georgics* because not intelligible by common farmers. But Mr. Heron blames Virgil for constantly addressing old Latin farmers (not our common farmers) in a work of such refined phrase and remote metaphor, as they could not in the least understand. Surely this is a perfect and palpable absurdity, unequalled in any other work, ancient or modern, and to defend it would be to violate good sense. The cause of Virgil must therefore be desperate, when the ignorant defend him with sophistry and misrepresentation; and the learned only by mistaking the charge. As no other arguments have appeared in defence of Virgil, the whole other heavy censures alleged against him by Mr. Heron remain in full force.

"I shall not encroach further on your patience at present, Mr. Urban, but remit the rest of this brief defence to one other epistle. But must, before I conclude, recommend some slight attention to common morality to Mr. Heron's opponents. They who could send forged letters in his name to the reviewers, with a view to exasperate them against him, would certainly assassinate if they durst. But this very manœuvre must at once convince him that their cowardice is equal to their villany.

"VINDEX."*

Mr. Pinkerton continued his defence of Heron's Letters in another letter, signed Vindex, in *Gentleman's Magazine* for Dec. 1786, p. 1021, in which he attacked Dr. Stuart and the *English Review*. This produced a controversy between Small Shot [Dr. Towers] and Vindex [Pinkerton]; for which the reader is referred to the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1786, p. 1128; 1787, pp. 121, 130, 296, 397.

* *Gent. Mag.* 1786, p. 962.

Dr. JOHN AIKIN to the GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE.

"MR. URBAN,

Dec. 1786.

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"On closing this article, I find myself unable to forbear deviating into a brief defence of the poet to whom I am obliged for the greater part of my materials, from the virulent attack which his reputation has sustained from a late extraordinary critic. And I am particularly led to this at present, by observing a letter in your last Magazine,* in which the critic, or a friend for him, triumphs in the validity of his censures, because no one has hitherto thought it worth while to refute them. If Mr. Heron had been content to say, what so many have said before him, that Virgil, in his *Æneid* and *Bucolics*, was for the most part an imitator, and is therefore not to be classed among the great inventors and originals in poetry, no man of literature would have disputed the assertion. But when he refuses him every claim to the title of poet, except that merely arising from versification, insulting his memory in the coarsest and most unqualified terms, and appearing insensible to the numerous beauties of sentiment, imagery, and diction, with which this writer has ever been supposed to abound, he must not be surprised that they, who have already formed their taste upon what they conceive the best models, are rather disposed to treat him with silent contempt, than to argue concerning subjects of feeling which he cannot or will not comprehend. If a man can read without pleasure or emotion such passages as the praise of a country-life and the eulogium on Italy in the *Georgics*, the burning of Troy, the battle of Actium, the prophetic view of *Æneas's* posterity, and the parting of *Evander* and *Pallas*, in the *Æneid*, he is no more to be reasoned with on poetical topics than a blind man concerning pictures, or a deaf man respecting tunes. This, I confess, is only an appeal to the feelings; but, if more precise argumentation were wanting, I might confidently refer to the passages descriptive of natural objects which I have already quoted,† and shall hereafter quote, from Virgil, as proofs that he possessed, in the most superior degree, that faculty of discerning and selecting for himself the genuine beauties of nature, which will ever distinguish the real poet from the servile copyist and insipid versifier.

* The preceding letter, signed Vindex, p. 131.

† In the *Gent. Mag.* for 1786, on *Observations on Trees*, p. 1040, &c.

notices as concerns the Picts in these Annals, the favour will be much increased: but the date of Brudi's death is the most important matter; and I humbly entreat you, by all your love of literature and antiquities, to interest yourself in my behalf. Mr. Young, Fellow of Trinity, I believe understands Irish, and as Col. Vallancey lately gave him some trouble on my account, concerning an old Irish poem, perhaps, if he is known to your Lordship, he would be as proper a person as any.

"I trouble you, my Lord, because Mr. O'Connor and Col. Vallancey know that I am no friend to the Milesian system, and I could not venture to apply to them, nor can I depend much on their accuracy; and, if your Lordship would desire the favour as for yourself, perhaps it would be better. The antiquities of Ireland I reverence as much as those of my own country; but I do not think that falsehood will serve either. I have with vast labour finished one half of my 'Inquiry into the Scottish History preceding the year 1056,' and hope to see the whole published in two vols. large 8vo. in about a year and a half. I shall briefly state my ideas concerning old Irish history, that your Lordship may correct me, if I err. The fables preceding the Firbolg, are now dead and given up on all hands. The Firbolg, I am convinced, were the Belgæ, and Ptolemy places the Menapii and Cauçi, Belgic nations, in the south of Ireland. These Belgæ proceeded to Ireland, in all appearance, about 900 years before Christ. The Duatt de Danan were surely the Danes, who invaded Ireland in the eighth century, and are confounded by tradition, that confounds all things, with far earlier events. The Milesians of Spain are merely fabulous, and unknown to all ancient annals and writers. The Belgæ were the conquerors of the old Celtic inhabitants, and the names of kings, cities, &c. of Ireland, are mostly Belgic or German, that is, Gothic. The Scots was a general name for all the inhabitants of Ireland, and from whence they passed to Scotland.

"I return your Lordship many thanks for the 'Palice of Honour,' which I shall take great care of, and re-deliver, after publication, to any person you desire. Be assured, my Lord, that I have a deep sense of your politeness to me, on this and many former occasions, and shall ever be, with great truth and respect, my Lord, your Lordship's most obliged and faithful servant,

"JOHN PINKERTON."

Bishop PERCY to Mr. PINKERTON.

"Feb. 28th, 1787.

"THE Bishop of Dromore's compliments to Mr. Pinkerton: he has had the good fortune to procure what he esteems the very ablest assistance in this kingdom for the solution of his doubts and difficulties; and, if the result has not answered his sanguine expectations, the Bishop despairs of success from any other quarter. Dr. Campbell is supposed to be now engaged in researches, which, like a talisman, will tend to dissolve the unsubstantial visions and reveries of Colonel Vallancey and his followers. He is a very careful and cautious inquirer into the reliques of antiquity. He has in this research of Mr. Pinkerton's employed a Mr. Flanigan, a student of Trinity College, who received a reward for discovering an ancient inscription, supposed to exhibit the *Ogham*, or secret character of the ancient Irish Druids and bards, &c. and is wholly devoting his studies to the revival of ancient Irish literature. The Bishop thought that he could not do better than send to Mr. Pinkerton the autograph of Dr. Campbell.* Dr. Campbell's stay in Dublin being only a few months in winter, he can only be an occasional assistant to Mr. Pinkerton; but, while he is here, the Bishop will apply to him or young Flanigan. He knows no other who can be of solid use.

"The Bishop wishes Mr. Pinkerton would carefully read Dr. Priestley's 'Institutes of Natural and Revealed Religion,' in 2 vols. 8vo. before he decides that all of that school have given up the Old Testament, as Mr. Pinkerton seems to hint in a former letter; but indeed he wishes Mr. Pinkerton would read them on other accounts. T. PERCY."

Jan. 1788.

Mr. Pinkerton in 1788 published in the Gentleman's Magazine twelve Letters on the Cultivation of our National History, under the signature of Philistor.†

The object he proposed in these letters was, 1. To show the neglect of our history, and that it was peculiar to us; 2. To point out where the neg-

* See Dr. Campbell's letter to Bishop Percy, February 27, 1787, in vol. VII. p. 767.

† See Literary Illustrations, vol. VI. 677.

lect chiefly lies ; 3. To examine the causes of this neglect ; 4. To hint at the remedies.

The first letter laments the want of patronage of literature from the Great ; and commends the spirit of the Booksellers as at present the only patrons of literature.

The Great ought to lead the way by publishing such works at their own expense as the princes of the blood did in France, and Denmark ; and nobles have done in Germany, Italy, and Spain.

Letter II. shows that a neglect of our history exists ; and instances particularly the Saxon Chronicle, as a work that ought to be collated and published correctly, and translated.*

Letter III. states the deficiency in the publication of historical works, and in modern works illustrative of our ancient history. It suggests disquisitions on the following subjects :

“ On the commerce of the Phœnicians and Greeks in Britain : Whether any British Nation paid Tribute to the Romans before the time of Claudius : On the ancient Languages in Britain : On the use of the Latin Tongue in Britain ; and how it comes to pass that Britain did not furnish one Latin Writer in the Roman Times, while Gaul and Spain produced many : If Severus built any Wall in Britain : What was the real Cause of the arrival of the Jutes in Kent, Chance or Invitation : The Extent and History of each Heptarchic Kingdom : The Form of Saxon Government : Of Regal Power among the Saxons : Of the Power of the People : The Private Life of the Saxons : From what Year, and what Time of the Year, our old Historians reckon the Christian *Æra*, &c.”

Letter IV. considers wherein the neglect of our history chiefly lies, and points out, first, the period least illustrated as that preceding the Norman

* These objects have since been attained ; and many of those subsequently specified have been partially accomplished. The machinery of Government direction and that of private association have also both been tried, in the Record Commission and in the English Historical Society : still, in both, the result has fallen far short of the comprehensive schemes contemplated by their projectors.

Conquest, and the history of the Heptarchy; and, secondly, the particular provinces of historical research least cultivated.

Letter V. suggests that the History of England has attracted the chief attention to its history; and that the History of Wales, Ireland, and Scotland, &c. have met with little attention. The letter then offers some remarks on the History of Wales.

Letter VI. treats of the Materials for Irish History.

Letter VII. relates to the Documents of Scottish History.

Letter VIII. relates to Chronology, the Geography of Britain and Ireland, the Diplomatic Lore, and English Literature in general.

Letter IX. shows the causes why our history is neglected.

Letter X. suggests that the attraction of the Royal Society towards Natural Philosophy and Natural History has led to the neglect of our national history; and suggests as another reason the enmity that exists in England between *savans* and *beaux esprits*.

Letter XI. suggests that—

“The institution of a fixed society for the cultivation of British history would afford the greatest advantages. There are surely many literati amongst us, who have sufficient inclination for the subject; and sufficient public spirit, to form such a society of their own accord. Without expense, indeed, nothing could be done; but the subscribers would be entitled to a proportional number of copies of the books published; and, in a short time, the expense would surely refund itself.”

Letter XII. proposes that Government should form a Society of British History, confined by their charter to this subject only; a certain revenue to be allotted to enable the Society to publish original writings, worthy of a great nation.*

* Gent. Mag. 1788, pp. 125, 196, 285, 404, 499, 591, 689, 777, 877, 968, 1056, 1149.

Bishop PERCY to Mr. PINKERTON.

" Dromore House, Jan. 16th, 1788.

" My copy of the ' Hibernia Dominicana ' is at your service ; and I will send it by the first convenient opportunity to London. I will also make inquiry for ' Colgani Trias Thaumaturga ' when I go to Dublin, which I shall probably do about March, being detained in the country till that time. I do not yet want Gawin Douglas' ' Palais of Honour,' which I purchased merely for the use of some good antiquary like you, and therefore desire you will keep it two or three years longer, if necessary.

" I desire I may be a standing subscriber to any thing you may publish upon Hearne's plan ; and, upon mentioning it to a very learned and ingenious countryman of yours, the Rev. Dr. William Trail, nephew to the late Bishop of Down, who was some time a Professor at Aberdeen, and who is my near neighbour here, he desired I would procure him the favour of being a subscriber also. He is reading with great pleasure your late book, which you sent me ; and we both join in wishing we could prevail upon you to abstain from dropping any thing to the discredit of a book which we highly venerate, the Old Testament ; especially when it is not necessary to your subject. If it should be, attack it in a regular and formal discussion ; and then we doubt not to defend it at large. But, till this is done, it seems neither fair nor candid to step aside from other topics, to throw out insinuations on this subject, which must be very offensive to many readers as well as to me.

" In the new evening paper, called the Dublin Chronicle, appeared lately some strictures on the Ancient Ecclesiastical History of Ireland (*Scotia Antiqua*) which you should by all means see. They first appeared under the signature of *Jerneus** in the Dublin Chronicle for December 24th, and again December 27th. In the Grecian Coffee-house in Devereux Court they formerly took in the Irish papers ; if not now, there are other coffee-houses where, upon inquiry, you might find them, and where they are regularly filed.

" T. PERCY."

" Dromore House, Oct. 22nd, 1788.

" I received your obliging letter, and beg leave to assure you, that the delay of my sending you the ' Hibernia Do-

* By Dr. Thomas Campbell. See Lit. Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 801, &c

minicana' has been unavoidable. Dr. Campbell lives so remote from this place, that we never see each other but in Dublin, and have no more intercourse than if he were in Cornwall and I in Caithness. As I shall not see Dublin before the meeting of our Parliament, I fear I shall not have it in my power to see Mr. Professor Thorkelin,* if he should visit our metropolis before the time above mentioned; unless he honour me with a visit here, which will make me particularly happy: but, as I should be glad to be of service to him in any of his literary researches, if I were apprised of his arrival there, and favoured with his address, I would endeavour to procure him access to the libraries and manuscripts, &c. and procure all the civilities to be shown him in my power.

"I am much obliged to you for your kind offer of your *Inquiry*,† which I shall gratefully receive, and shall be extremely glad to hear of the progress of your studies, and any literary intelligence, which in this remote region reaches me slowly.
T. PERCY."

In the Gentleman's Magazine for 1789 is a controversy between Mr. Pinkerton and Dr. Lorimer, about a Gaelic Chronicle. See pp. 583, 679, 801, 906, 984, 1066.

* Grmr Johnson Thorkelin, LL.D. He was "Regius Professor of Antiquity in the University of Copenhagen; Keeper of his Majesty's Privy Archives; Secretary to the Trustees of the Arna Magnean Legacy; Member of the Societies of Heraldry and Icelandic Literature of Copenhagen; Fellow of the Societies of Antiquaries of London and Edinburgh, and of the Royal Irish Academy; and Corresponding Member of the Royal Society of Sciences at Göttingen." These numerous literary honours are appended to his first important work, "Fragments of English and Irish History, in the 9th and 10th centuries," 4to. London, 1788, being No. 48 of the "Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica." He was born in 1749. See a memoir of him, by Mr. Gough, in the Gentleman's Magazine for Aug. 1803, p. 727. He was sent to this country in 1787 at the expense of the Prince Royal of Denmark. He soon acquired our language, and published a tract on the Slave Trade, 1788 (see Gent. Mag. LVIII. p. 724); and in the same year, his "Fragments," &c. In 1789 he published Mr. Rowe Mores' Commentary on Ælfric (see Gent. Mag. LIX. p. 924). "A Sketch of the Character of the Prince of Denmark; to which is added a short Review of the present State of Literature and the Polite Arts in that country," was also published by him while in England. In 1790 he travelled over Scotland, and in 1791 visited Ireland and the Isle of Man. In 1792 he returned to Denmark, and married the widow of a rich brewer. He published other works in Denmark, particularly the ancient Poem of Beowulf, which he transcribed from the original in the British Museum, and translated into Latin, 1815.

† Inquiry into the History of Scotland preceding the reign of Malcolm III. in the year 1056, 2 vols. 8vo.—D. T.

Mr. PINKERTON to the ANALYTICAL REVIEW, 1789.*

“The Remonstrance of the Author of ‘An Inquiry into the History of Scotland preceding 1056,’ Sheweth,

“1. THAT though the Remonstrant, from experience, knows the truth of the literary maxim, *Qui plume a, guerre a*, he is willing to avoid controversy, if possible; and therefore offers this short remonstrance, on what he conceives to be the injustice done to his said book by one of your critics, who designs himself H. H., and whose chief remarks he shall consider in their order.

“2. That the Remonstrant does not speak with such respect of himself as the critic infers, as will appear from his words, p. iv. ‘The importance of the work was indeed such as might have excited, and required, far superior abilities.’ And in p. xiv. he says, he ‘considers himself as a labourer who is clearing away rubbish and bringing materials.’

“3. That in p. 2 of your Review, the words of the Remonstrant are misquoted. The Remonstrant says, p. iv. ‘To examine the subject to the bottom were required considerable reading, previous experience in such matters, much leisure, and love of the subject, and no great desire of wealth or fame.’ The Critic, to the words ‘wealth or fame,’ adds, ‘has attempted to redeem the early history of his country from total annihilation;’ which words do not occur.

“4. That the Critic then says, that the Remonstrant’s contempt for Celtic remains is the most striking feature of his writings; whereas the Remonstrant, before he had examined the subject, was a warm defender of Ossian. And the Remonstrant’s contempt for Celtic remains arose from his discovery of the forgeries and misconceptions attending them.

“5. That the Critic, in proceeding to the work itself, gives no analysis of it, which the Remonstrant considers as a fault in an Analytical Review.

“6. That the Remonstrant has used only a small letter for the pronoun *i* or *I*, which he considers as an impudent pronoun, and as much to be hid as possible, instead of being elevated above the rest like a brazen grenadier. The single letter *i* forms a word both in Latin and Italian, but is never put with a capital. That he spells *Picts*, *Piks*, and gives reasons for so doing; one of

* Pinkerton’s Inquiry into the History of Scotland is reviewed in the Analytical Review for September, 1789, p. 1.

which is, to avoid presenting an erroneous idea that the word springs from the Latin *Picti*. That for *Hebrides* he puts *Hebudes*, and shows the former to be a mere error of the press ; and that he does not conceive it to be the duty of the Analytical Review to perpetuate error.

“ 7. That to extract two or three warm pages from a thousand cool ones, in order to give an estimate of a book, is unjust ; and yet it unfortunately so happens, that the worst pages in the Remonstrant's book are given as specimens. That great labour is apt to beget peevishness for the time. That, if the Critic had gone through half the Remonstrant's toil, he might perhaps have been peevish too ; and the Remonstrant would not have quarrelled with him upon this account.

“ 8. That, in p. 9 of your Review, the Critic insinuates, that the Remonstrant's anger against the Scotch Highlanders renders his account of their history suspicious. That the Remonstrant has not a more earnest wish, than that the Highlanders were as much superior to the Lowlanders in the virtues of civilization as they are inferior. That his anger is that of a patriot, who hates to see idleness and savage manners prevail so long among a people, and oppose industry, and the other virtues, which do honour to human nature. That the Remonstrant was angry to find that late writers gave the whole history of Scotland to the Highlanders ; as an Englishman would be justly angry to be told, that there was no history of England but that of Wales. But that the Remonstrant is so far from allowing his anger to violate the truth, that he contends for the settlement of the Dalriads, the ancestors of the Highlanders, as having taken place in the third century, instead of the sixth, as formerly inferred. And that he declares he has bestowed more labour on the history of the Highland kings than upon those of the Lowlands. But that this imputation is unjust, will appear at once from the Remonstrant's book.

“ 9. That the Critic passes so slightly over the second volume of the Remonstrant's work in particular, that no reader can form any idea of it from his account. That the Critic's mention of ‘ different records,’ in p. 9, shews his inattention to the subject. Had he mentioned ‘ different opinions,’ he would have been right ; but there are no records but what the Remonstrant has faithfully followed, and most of which he has printed, to enable every reader to judge of his good faith.

“ 10. That the Remonstrant is thankful for the approbation bestowed here and there; and is not so sanguine as to imagine that his reader must always agree with him in opinion, or that his work is without mistakes. But the concluding censures he must look upon as far from impartial, as he hopes to prove in a few instances that follow.

“ 11. That the Remonstrant does not set up his style as a model. What has style to do with an antiquarian dissertation interlarded with many languages? But the Remonstrant has the opinion of some of our best writers concerning his style, and they differ from the Critic. That the Critic seems to look upon the English language as absolutely classical and fixed; and yet, in the same page, contends against any ellipsis being used. Is there any classical language without an ellipsis? Why insert *me* or *us* when perfectly understood to be implied? In French Voltaire spells *Français* for *François*, &c. And in English different good writers spell differently at present, as, if the Critic has *read* much, he must have observed. But the printer's spelling is what prevails. Addison spells many words differently from Milton; Gibbon from Addison. When the Critic publishes his rules they will be universally followed.

“ 12. That the Remonstrant is accused of ‘vulgar phraseology,’ because he uses Shakspeare's expression *plentiful lack*.

“ 13. That the Remonstrant has no pretensions to ‘wit and smartness,’ and is very sorry.

“ 14. That the Remonstrant is accused of warmth when repelling the warmth of others. Perhaps their warmth had better have been repressed with coldness; but the Remonstrant is young, and of warm feelings. He, however, in his Preface, p. xxviii. apologises for his warmth in these words: ‘Before the reader can properly judge of these passages, he must read the authors against whom they are directed. If he finds them modest and veracious, let the blame fall on the unjust anger of the present writer; but if they be found to be dealers in direct falsehoods, and replete with impudent railing against the truth, let it be considered if such have an exclusive privilege of being angry. The Author has been forced, now and then, to meet them on their own ground; and deserves pity rather than blame for that necessity, which has indeed disgusted him so far, that he has resolved to abandon the controversial style for ever, and to content

himself in future in exploring and vindicating the truth, without arraigning its enemies,' &c. In fact, the Critic is yet warmer than the Remonstrant.

" 15. That the Remonstrant is guilty of quoting Greek, Latin, Italian, and French writers.

" 16. That the Remonstrant is also guilty of translating the words *qui omnia sciunt et plus*.

" 17. That the Remonstrant did not know till now, after rubbing his eyes, that the History of Scotland, down to the year 1056, was contained in his Dissertation on the Goths, which goes only to the year 300 before Christ.

" 18. That the Remonstrant's Inquiry is a collection of materials, and not an abridgement. The History of Scotland is far from being ready for an abridgement.

" 19. That without the digressions the book would have been so dry and dull that nobody would have got through it; and that, in treating so barren a subject as that of antiquities, digressions are absolutely necessary.

" 20. That the repetitions always present new arguments, and are necessary in an obscure subject. Dr. Smith's work on the Wealth of Nations is full of repetitions, because the subject was obscure; and is a very good book, and the better for the repetitions.

" 21. That it is common for those whose prejudices are attacked to exclaim against prejudice.

" 22. That the Remonstrant expresses his esteem for Buchanan in warm terms, and only excludes him from the list of *eruditi* of those who have given proofs of great and various reading.

" 23. That it is the first time that the Remonstrant has heard that Homer, or any other classic, had reached our times by popular fame. That for ten centuries, called the middle ages, the said classics had no popular fame at all, but were preserved by learned men.

" 24. That the Critic confounds *theory* with *analogy*; and then accuses the Remonstrant of inconsistency.

" 25. That the Critic must be a stranger to the works of Politian, Erasmus, Camerarius, Scaliger, Casaubon, Salmasius, Selden, Milton, Gronovius, Gale, Bentley; in short, the whole succession of literati, else he would not expect to find *politeness* in a book of mere learning. Elegant books have often been superficial ones; and the Remonstrant did not wish to write a superficial book. Truth is too serious a matter to be discussed by empty elegance.

" 26. That the Remonstrant, after a labour of many years, and an attentive examination of his subject, has condemned some preceding writers, as he has praised many others. That the Critic, after a brief perusal of his book, reprobates a few warm expressions with still greater warmth than the Author has ever used, and seems totally to forget that the work contains a thousand facts concerning the history of a whole nation for TEN CENTURIES. That the Critic gives not one examination of any historical, chronological, or geographical fact, developed by the Author, but pronounces *ex cathedra* upon the mere dress of a book whose soul and body he neglects. That, in the words of Montesquieu, 'Cette maniere de raisonner n'est pas bonne, qui employée contre quelque bon livre que ce soit, peut le faire paroître aussi mauvais que quelque mauvais livre que ce soit; et qui, pratiquée contre quelque mauvais livre que ce soit, peut le faire paroître aussi bon que quelque bon livre que ce soit.'*

" The Remonstrant, therefore, appeals to the Preface, and to the justice of the Analytical Review; and, as in duty bound, shall ever pray, &c."†

BP. PERCY to Mr. PINKERTON.

" London, July 28th, 1792.

" It is so difficult, not to say impossible, for one person to decide for another without hearing his reasons, that I submit without reply to what you say in your letter respecting your own sense of the measure once intended, and to the fate of the paper, which yet, for its own intrinsic merit, I cannot but regret. But for the same reason you must excuse me, if I entertain a different opinion of what is proper or necessary for myself; and against the expedient you suggest I have my particular reasons; one of which is, that I am now convinced that this was the very end to which Mr. Ritson has been driving, (whom wanton outrage and unprovoked insult cost nothing,) viz. to compel me to lay my manuscript in some place for public inspection, where he might examine and collate it (possibly extract some of the smaller articles) without being at all obliged to me; or, by his subsequent inquisitorial search, find pretences to justify his antecedent injurious charges and insinuations. I could point out one

* "Defence of the Spirit of Laws against the Journal of Trevoux."

† Gent. Mag. 1789, pp. 979—982.

particular *word* in my old manuscript,* to obtain a sight of which he would not scruple to violate every feeling of humanity and decency. But he shall be disappointed: the manuscript shall never be exposed to his sight in my life-time; and, as I have no other resource, I hope yet to procure some respectable friendly name, that may be generously interposed as a shield before one whom the assailant knows to be incapable, from the peculiarities of his situation, of self-defence; though I despair of getting any name subscribed to a paper so spirited, and in all respects so happy, as what† you had sketched out. Yet there was one word in it which Mr. Ritson would have made foundation of a new injurious charge, and that occasioned me to trouble you the last time.

“The very great pleasure I ever felt in complying with any request of yours, is the only excuse I can offer for the intrusions of which I have lately been guilty, and which I hope you will pardon.
T. PERCY.”

MR. RITSON to the GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE.

“MR. URBAN,

Dec. 26, 1792.

“Mr. Pinkerton, in his recent publication of ‘Scottish Poems,’ having inserted ‘a metrical romance, called [by himself] Sir Gavan and Sir Galaron of Galloway, copied,’ he says, ‘many years ago, by a *learned friend*, from a MS. belonging to Mr. Baynes,‡ of Gray’s Inn;’ both gratitude and justice to the memory of this much esteemed and lamented young man require me to inform the public, that the copy communicated to Mr. Pinkerton was (to all appearance) surreptitiously obtained; and that nothing, I am well convinced, could have given Mr. Baynes more uneasiness than an idea that either his MS. would be printed, or even his name mentioned, by Mr. Pinkerton.

* See Dr. Dibdin’s description of this valuable manuscript volume in Lit. Illustrations, vol. VI. p. 555.

† Mr. Pinkerton has not preserved among his correspondence any copy of the paper here alluded to; and I regret to say that I have failed in my endeavour to obtain it from the possessor of Dr. Percy’s MSS. The Bishop, at the time when he wrote this letter, was smarting under the severe attack of Mr. Ritson, in his ‘Observations on the Ancient English Minstrels,’ p. xix. &c. prefixed to his ‘Ancient Songs from the Time of King Henry III. to the Revolution,’ then just published.—D. T.

‡ John Baynes, author of “An Archæological Epistle to Dean Milles,” 1782. He died Aug. 4, 1787, aged 28. See Memoirs of him in Literary Anecdotes, VIII. p. 113—115.

“The MS. being, through Mr. Baynes’s goodness, in my possession, Mr. Pinkerton, by means of his ‘learned friend,’ applied for my consent to its publication; which, having myself an intention to publish it in a collection of such things, and actually transcribed it for that purpose in Mr. Baynes’s life-time, I consequently refused. Mr. Pinkerton’s ‘learned friend’ allowed my reason to be satisfactory, and assured me it should not be printed. Mr. Pinkerton, however, to whom my refusal was communicated, has thought fit to give this assurance the lie, by printing a copy which his ‘learned friend’ declares he ‘never considered as fit for the press.’

“ J. RITSON.”*

BISHOP PERCY to MR. PINKERTON.

“ Dromore, Ireland, Aug. 28th, 1794.

“The Bishop of Dromore’s compliments to Mr. Pinkerton. He will endeavour to have the book he desired procured for him in Dublin, but must beg to be favoured with a repetition of its title, he having unaccountably mislaid the letter which contained it; and also that Mr. Pinkerton will mention some bookseller’s shop in London where it can be left for him. He also sends a sketch of a note in answer to the objections of the Critical Review of November, 1792; but relies on his honour, as a gentleman, that it be communicated to no person living till it appears in print. He should be glad to be favoured with any objection or reply to it, should such occur to him.

“ *Note for the foot of the first page of the Essay on the Minstrels.*

“The terms ‘*rymer*’ or ‘*minstrel*’ are used as synonymous by the English translator of Favine in 1623, as will be seen below, in section iv.; and the words ‘*minstrel*, *rythmer*, or *bard*,’ appear to describe one and the same character, a Welch bard, in a public commission issued out in the ninth of Queen Elizabeth, 1569, of which an account will be found in note Y. In Du Cange’s Glossary, the French minstrels are asserted to have been the same as the *bards* of ancient Gaul. ‘*Neque enim alios a*

* Gent. Mag. 1793, p. 32. I have not found that Mr. Pinkerton made any reply to this attack of Mr. Ritson.—N.

'ministrellis veterum Gallorum bardos fuisse.' (Vide note C.) The same author produces an ancient French poet, who informs us, that the most renowned heroes of chivalry were celebrated in romances, made by the minstrels; and the first romances we know were in metre. (See vol. iii. Essay, p. 20.) He enumerates the most popular of these, as 'Roland,' the 'Four Sons of Aymon,' 'Charlemagne,' 'Arthur,' 'Lancelot,' 'Tristan,' &c. 'De quoy vils menestriers font les nobles Romans.' (See the passage at large in note C.) And Pasquier, in his 'Recherches de la France,' l. 7, c. 5, gives the concluding rhymes of an old French romance, composed by a minstrel, who has thereunto subscribed his name and profession. (See below in note B, towards the end.)

"Surely these authorities are sufficient to prove that the French and English minstrels were understood not to be solely musicians, and will certainly vindicate the author of this Essay from the charge of having been the first who had ever applied the name of minstrel to a *bard, maker, or poet*. (See Crit. Review for Nov. 1792.) A charge the more singular, as the converse of the proposition is apparently the truth; and he will probably be found the *last* who has retained the old name of *minstrel* in the double sense of *poet* and *musician*. For now the Provençal name of *troubadour* is taken up, and become the fashionable term in dissertations on this subject, which had scarce found its way into the English language when this Essay first appeared in 1765, nor, I believe, was even naturalised in French, before the 'Histoire des Troubadours,' &c. was published at Paris in 1774. But since the publication of that work and of its translation into English,* the word *troubadour* hath become popular, and is by some supposed to have been as current in both languages as it is at present."

Note of BISHOP PERCY on Minstrels.†

"The terms 'rymer' and 'minstrel' are used as synonymous by the English translator of Favine in 1623, (vide

* The Literary History of the Troubadours, by M. de la Curne de St. Palaye; translated by Mrs. Susan Dobson, 1779, 8vo. 2d edit. 1807, 12mo.

† Marked in pencil, "Note for page 1 of Essay." As this Note is not inserted in the edition of Percy's Reliques, edited by his nephew, it is here reprinted, as it appears in the Bishop's own handwriting in the British Museum, Egerton MSS. 201, p. 70.

infra, sect. iv.) . Putenham, in his 'Arte of English Poesie,' 1589 (p. 9), uses the term *minstrelsie* to express versification or poetry, without any reference to music, and describes it as the common entertainment of the populace in his time to hear 'stories of old time, as the Tale of Sir Topas, Bevis, Sir Guy, and Adam Bell, and such other romances or historical rimes, sung by blind harpers or such like tavern minstrels, at Christmas dinners and brideales, and in taverns and alehouses,' &c. (See vol. ii. p. 175). And it was not even confined to these, for he speaks of it as not unusual for brief romances or historical ditties 'to be sung to the harpe in places of assembly,' when the company shall be desirous to hear. And he even speaks of it as not unusual for company of the higher ranks, 'in places of assembly, to be desirous to hear of the adventures and valiaunces of noble knights, as are those of King Arthur,' and the other heroes above mentioned. In the romance of 'Morte Arthur,' Harper hath a libellous song or lay, given him to be sung to the harpe, and which he teaches other harpers, and on being questioned for his boldness, answers; 'Wit you well I am a *minstrell*, and I must do as I am commanded of the lords that I bear the armes of?' not to mention here innumerable passages in the old metrical romances where the minstrel speaks of himself.*"

* On the subject of Minstrels much curious information will be found in Warton's History of English Poetry, vol. i. p. 72 (see Index); and Hawkins's Hist. of Music, vol. ii. (See Index in vol. v.)

Warton in his History of English Poetry, vol. i. p. 110, says, "The Troubadours of Provence, an idle and unsettled race of men, took up arms, and followed their barons in prodigious multitudes to the Conquest of Jerusalem. They made a considerable part of the household of the nobility of France. Louis VII. King of France, not only entertained them at his court very liberally, but commanded a considerable company of them into his retinue when he took ship for Palestine, that they might solace him with their songs during the dangers and inconveniences of so long a voyage." In a note he adds: "Massieu, Hist. Poesie Française, p. 105, says, Many of the troubadours whose works now exist, and whose names are recorded, accompanied their lords to the Holy War." Some of the French nobility of the first rank were troubadours about the 11th century; and the French critics, with much triumph, observe, "that this is the glory of the French poetry to number *counts* and *dukes*, that is, *sovereigns*, among its professors, from its commencement."

Raynouard and Diez's excellent works on the Troubadours may be consulted, as well as the "Histoire Littéraire de la France."

A clever letter of Mr. H. Lemoine on Minstrels and Minstrelsy, printed in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1783, p. 839 to 841, may also be referred to; and another by the late Rev. H. F. Cary (signed "M[usæu]s"), in the Magazine for June, 1793, p. 520.

MR. PINKERTON TO BISHOP PERCY.

"MY LORD, Hampstead, 4 Sept. 1794.

"I am greatly obliged by your polite favour, which I have just received. The title of the book is Webb's Analysis of the History and Antiquities of Ireland, 1791, 8vo. price 4s. and it may be left at Mr. Nicol's, King's bookseller, Pall Mall, or Mr. Dilly's, Poultry, as convenient. My address is Hampstead, near London.

"With regard to the note inclosed,* I am much obliged by the communication, and it shall be kept profoundly secret. It may seem like ingratitude, my Lord, in me to controvert your opinions, and this appearance would prevent my objections, were it not for the axiom *Amicus Plato, sed magis amica veritas*. I must confess myself thoroughly convinced that *minstrel* only implied musician, and *was never used for a bard, maker, or poet*: were I reprinting any former production in this way, I would retract all my opinions to the contrary, though often repeated. The Review† I remember nothing of, and shall only state a few points briefly.

"Your Essay on the Minstrels might be considerably improved, in my humble opinion, by being divided into three points: 1. On the bards, *faiseurs*, *troubadours*, makers, poets; 2. On the reciters or *canteurs*; 3. On the minstrels proper, or accompanying musicians.

"I must confess that, after a laborious collation of original passages, I found only the one French line you quote from Du Cange, which seems to favour your opinion; but *font* is often used for *act* or *perform*, and has so many senses, that it would be rash to found an opinion on one passage only, while about three hundred are against it.

"The translators of Favine and Du Cange are mere moderns, and their opinion of no more consequence than if they had written yesterday. It is on ancient testimonies that ancient truth must be founded.

"In the commission 1569, '*or*' is disjunctive, not assimilative. A particle in vague old language is a sandy foundation. Pasquier is of noted inaccuracy; the minstrel might transcribe the romance for his own use, as a

* See the preceding letter, p. 146.

† Critical Review for Nov. 1792.

prodigy; a minstrel might even write a romance, *Exceptio firmat regulam*.

“ Even granting all those passages in your favour, you must contend against hundreds on the opposite side. For a part, Ritson’s book may be referred to.

“ As to your Lordship’s being the first who used the word minstrel in the new sense of poet, I must confess my inability to point out any one writer, English or foreign, who used it in that sense before. That you are not the last, will appear from Beattie’s *Minstrel*, &c. and I could name at least fifty others, including Ritson’s book of 1792, and many productions of my own. The word *troubadour* is never used for an English poet; to its late general use I am an entire stranger. Your Lordship will no doubt reconsider this part of the note, as open to such easy objections; the very mention of the Review is beneath your literary reputation.

“ I hope, my Lord, that your goodness will excuse the brevity of these objections, which is owing solely to my many avocations. I have found brevity look like harshness, but nothing can be further from my mind, and I am sorry even to object to any of your opinions, seldom indeed erroneous. I ever am, with the greatest respect, my Lord, your Lordship’s obliged and faithful servant,

“ J. PINKERTON.”*

* Egerton MSS. No. 201, f. 68. The Bishop has indorsed the above letter, in red chalk, “ Mr. Pinkerton’s answer to my note,” and at the beginning he has written, “ Pinkerton’s attempt to prove Minstrels only Musicians.” The freedom of this letter probably gave offence to Bishop Percy, as no more of his letters occur in Pinkerton’s printed correspondence.—N.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

OF

BISHOP PERCY.

1757.

The earliest letter of Bishop Percy I have discovered is one addressed to his friend Dr. James Grainger, dated March 24, 1757, printed in "Literary Illustrations," vol. vii. p. 242.

1763.

Ten letters from the Rev. Thomas Percy to the Rev. Dr. Birch, from April 21, 1763, to July 27, 1765, relative to the works of the Duke of Buckingham; his projected edition of the Spectator, &c., and his Reliques of Ancient Poetry, are printed in "Literary Illustrations," vol. vii. pp. 567—578.

1764.

A letter from Rev. Mr. Percy to Mr. Tonson, dated April 26, 1764, is printed in "Literary Illustrations," vol. vi. p. 557, giving an account of his improvements in his intended edition of the Tatler, Spectator, and Guardian.

In the "Literary Anecdotes," vol. ii. p. 441, is a letter, dated June 14, 1764, from Mr. W. Bowyer, the learned printer, to Mr. Percy, on his proposed edition of the Tatler, Spectator, and Guardian.

Extract of a Letter from Dr. PERCY to Dr. DUCAREL.

"1764.

"What I chiefly want are old MS. or printed copies of the more fugitive remains of ancient genius; of such poems as are not to be found in our voluminous poets, such as Chaucer, Lydgate, Gower; of such pieces as are left us by unknown authors. These are of various kinds; viz., Allegories, Romances in verse, Historical Ballads, &c. The following would be particularly acceptable:—*Pierce*

Plowman, Life and Death, [an old allegorical poem in the metre of *Pierce Plowman*]; *Horn Child*, an old metrical romance; *Ippotize*, (quoted by Chaucer), ditto; *Sir Guy* (quoted by Chaucer), ditto; *Sir Bevis of Hampton*, ditto; *Sir Eglamoure*, ditto; *Sir Tryamour*, ditto; *Ippomedon*, ditto; *The Life and Death of Merlin*, ditto; *Sir Lambwell*, ditto; *The Squire of Low Degree*, ditto; *The Churle and the Bird*, a fable, by Lydgate. I also want to see either the *second* or *third* edition, 4to., of *The Rehearsal*. The first edition was published in 1672, which I have. The fourth edition was published in 1683, which I have also. I want to get either one or both editions, and I should even be obliged by the perusal of any tracts written by or concerning George Villiers, the second Duke of Buckingham, who died in 1687."

1765.

A LETTER, describing a RIDE* TO HULNE ABBEY from ALNWICK, NORTHUMBERLAND. [By DR. THOMAS PERCY, afterwards BISHOP of DROMORE.] 8vo., 11 pages. *Privately printed*.

(Transcribed from the Copy in the British Museum, in the Musgrave Collection, 578, b. 4.)

A Letter to the Rev. Mr. L——. †

"DEAR SIR, Alnwick, in Northumberland, Aug. 5, 1765.

"At parting you desired I would some time write to you, and describe whatever I saw most curious in the North. In compliance with your request, I shall attempt a description of one of the beautiful rides we have from this Castle; and shall the rather select the following, as it presents views so different from what we have in the South of England, and also as the whole extent of it is within one of the ancient parks belonging to this great barony, called HULNE or HOLNE Park.

"In a right line from the great gate of ALNWICK CASTLE, a wide handsome road leads to a beautiful Gothic gateway, which, representing as it does an outwork from the Castle,

* A more recent description of the same "Ride" (in 1836,) will be found in Dr. Dibdin's *Northern Tour*, p. 1032, the author having been conducted by the late Duke of Northumberland in person. See also an elegant work on Alnwick and its vicinity, privately printed in 4to. 1823, containing a series of lithographs by J. D. Harding, from the sketches of C. F. Duchess of Northumberland.

† Probably Dr. Lort.

is with great propriety ornamented with battlements and a portcullis.

"Hence, between borders of flowery shrubs and young plantations of beautiful forest trees, the path winds down a steep romantic hill; at the bottom of which we cross a rivulet, and, turning to the left, descend into a deep sequestered valley. Here we pass under a high cliff, with overhanging trees, watered at the foot by a clear running brook, which, after a shower, affords one or two very fine waterfalls.

"From this valley we begin to ascend some wild swelling slopes; whence the eye is thrown to the left over a rough uncultivated scene, all broken into hill and dale. Passing on, we cross through two gates and enter upon another scene of heath-ground; a little narrow valley full of young trees lying to the right; a small swell of planted ground to the left.

"Then crossing over some corn fields and upland pastures, through which the pathway agreeably winds with a gentle ascent, we begin to gain a fine extensive prospect towards the east, terminated by the sea. In the middle of this beautiful landscape we have a pleasing view of ALNWICK CASTLE, standing on an eminence, the foot of which is washed by the river Alne. And as we continue to ascend the hill, the swelling towers of that noble edifice, seen at a distance, make a very striking and picturesque appearance.

"Proceeding on, we ascend some wild heath-grounds, and afterwards enter young plantations of fir-trees, till by degrees the vast swellings of CHIVIOR begin to appear towards the west, and at length emerge from behind the interposing hills, presenting an immense group of pyramidal mountains, the highest tops of which are, for the most part, covered with clouds.

"These are seen at a great distance to the left; near at hand, to the right, the eye is charmed with the sight of a fine circular hill we are about to ascend, clothed to its very summit with thriving plantations of young trees of various sorts and forms. This may be termed the Flowery Head of CARMEL, as this hill* may with great propriety be called, for a reason that will be given below.

"Proceeding on, a path to the right leads to a rude cave amid the cliffs of the rocks, which is to be adorned with

* Called by the country people Brisley Hill.

the statue of a Hermit, not ill adapted to the retired situation of this fine romantic solitude.

"The former path being resumed, winds for a quarter of a mile round the edge of a most astonishing precipice, which, from a vast height, presents a noble prospect of wide extent, and at an amazing depth below the path from which it is seen. The first object the eye looks down upon at the foot of the mountain is the river Alne, winding in the most beautiful and whimsical irregularities. This is to be received into a large lake on the right, which will cover 200 acres of ground. On a little hill on its margin are seen, as in a picture held far below the eye, the few remains of HULNE ABBEY; more to the left are little swellings, the hollows of which are fringed with a chain of small rough thickets. Beyond these rises a vast extent of wild naked plains, with here and there a single farm or plantation scattered like solitary islands in a vast unbounded ocean. Over these the eye gradually rises to where the vast mountains of CHIVIOT erect their huge conic heads; between the openings of which, the sight gains a glimpse of the still more distant blue hills of TEVIOTDALE in Scotland. The top of Chiviota is distant more than 20 miles: the hills on Teviotdale near 40 or 50.

"Turning off from the edge of this high natural terrace, we cross a little level plain, and then gain the highest point of the British Carmel. Elevated as its lofty summit is, it is clothed with young plantations of evergreen and forest trees, with spacious avenues left for the passage of wheel carriages, which easily ascend to its topmost point. Here in a little plain, surrounded by a circus of young trees, is to be erected a noble tower 50 feet high; which will command an astonishing extent and variety of prospect. Here we saw, as in one general mass, what we had hitherto admired in detached parts.

"To the west we have still a more extensive view of the amazing wild prospect towards Chiviota, which was but faintly described above. Those rude mountains now appear finely contrasted with a variety of hills and slopes to the north, which are cultivated up to their very summits. To the east are fine green vales, in the midst of which the town of Alnwick, overlooked by the Castle, has a most picturesque appearance; below it the river Alne is seen beautifully winding towards the sea. But,

above all, the SEA itself most nobly terminates the great prospect to the east and south, and expands itself all along the coast down from beyond the Fern Islands to the north; yet not so distant but that the shipping may be plainly seen many miles from the land, and affords a fine moving picture. On the margin of the sea the ruins of DUNSTANBURGH CASTLE, and the little port of ALNE-MOUTH, are two of the most striking objects. To the south-west a wild rude moor, part of the ancient Forest of Haydon, rises still higher than the mountain on which we stand; yet clothed on one side to its very top with infant plantations, which are at present struggling with the inclemencies of their situation, but promise fair to surmount them. And here and there are interposed some of those rude pyramids of stone erected in ancient times as landmarks, and called by the inhabitants Cairns or Kerns.

“And now, the eye being fully satisfied with these great and wild views of nature, we descend from this eminence, in order to contemplate other scenes more confined and more cultivated; for, winding down to the bottom of this mountain, we cross the river, and find that HULNE ABBEY, which before appeared so low beneath our feet, is really situated on a hill of no inconsiderable height, to which we again ascend from the river.

“HULNE ABBEY was the first monastery of CARMELITE FRIARS in these kingdoms. The account of its foundation is thus given by ancient writers. Among the British barons who went to the Holy Wars in the reign of King Henry III. were WILLIAM de VESCY, Lord of Alnwick, and RICHARD GRAY, two ancient chieftains in the Christian army. Led by curiosity or devotion, they went to visit the monks of Mount Carmel, and there unexpectedly found a countryman of their own, one Ralph Fresborn, a Northumberland man, who had distinguished himself in a former crusade, and in consequence of a vow had afterwards taken upon him the monastic profession in that solitude. When Vescy and Gray returned to England they strongly importuned the superior of the Carmelites to let their countryman accompany them home; which was at length granted, upon condition that they would found a monastery for Carmelites in their own country. Soon after their return, Fresborn, mindful of their engagement, began to look out for a place for their convent. After examining all the circumjacent solitudes, he at length fixed on the

present spot, induced, it is said, by the great resemblance which the adjoining hill bore to Mount Carmel. And, indeed, who ever looks into 'Maundrell's Travels' will find that the draught of that mountain given in his book bears a strong likeness to this before us.

"The above William de Vescey* gave a grant of the ground, consisting of 12 or 13 acres, in his park of Holne; but Fresborn is said to have erected the buildings himself. The foundation was laid A.D. 1240; and Fresborn, gathering a proper number of monks, became the first abbot of the order, and having presided here with great reputation of sanctity, at length died, and was buried in this monastery about the year 1274.

"This grant of William de Vescey was afterwards confirmed, and enlarged with new privileges, by his sons John and William; and when in the beginning of the next century the barony came into the possession of the Percy family, their charters were confirmed by the successive Lord Percies of Alnwick, some of whom gave additional marks of their favour to this abbey, as appears by their charters of 1310 and 1334.

"At length Henry Percy, fourth Earl of Northumberland, built on it a fine tower, as a place of refuge for the monks to retire to in times of danger. For, in the sudden irruptions of the Borderers of both nations, these rude men spared no places or persons, however sacred, but laid all waste with fire and sword.

"This Tower, having been preserved more entire than any other part of the abbey, has been lately repaired by the present noble possessors, who are fitting it up in the old Gothic style, and have shown an admirable taste both in the choice and adaptation of the ornaments. Near it, in ancient English, is this curious

INSCRIPTION:

In the year of crist Jhū Mcccc^{xx}_{iiii} viii

This towr was bilded by Sir Henr Percy

The fourth Erle of Northüberlând of gret hoñ and worth

That espoused Maud y^e good lady full of virtue and bewt

Daught^r to sir Willm Harb'rt right noble and hardy

Erle of Pembroch whos soulis god save * * *

And with his grace cōsarve y^e bilder of this Tower.

* "Not his son John, as it is in Leland, Bale, &c. This appears from the original charters, of which I have seen extracts in MS. as also from Dugdale's Baronage, I. p. 93, 763."

"Descending from these venerable ruins, we wind along a fine romantic valley, with hanging woods to the left, and the river Alne to the right, beyond which rises a rough hill covered with small thickets. The river here accompanies the path for near two miles, sometimes approaching near to the wood, at other times receding from it; one while gliding in a small canal of clear water, at other times foaming down among crags and interposing stones.

"And first we pass close under a fine impending wood; whence emerging we enter a green spacious meadow, here and there interspersed with trees. This is agreeably contrasted with a large succeeding shrubbery, in the midst of which rises a fine chalybeate spring that will probably be distinguished by a little overhanging grotto. Passing the shrubbery, which also affords a large nursery for future plantations, we ford the river, and travel round another beautiful meadow, from the centre of which the eye is carried to the right over a succession of fine sweeping slopes, till it rests on the top of Carmel. Soon after, a very pleasing landscape is seen to the left, through an opening in the trees that hang over the river.

"Now we enter some beautiful plantations, which by a gentle rise and fall in the ground afford a great variety of pleasing scenes in beautiful succession, till at length ALNWICK CASTLE begins to emerge from among the trees, and presents itself to the eye more than once in the conclusion of the ride. Here the battlements of the tower, belonging to the once famous PRIORY OF ALNWICK, are seen to the left, close embowered among the trees. As the tower is the only ancient part now remaining of that once-extensive building, the rest being a more modern house, it was all that was worth disclosing to the eye. Soon after we regained the Gothic gateway by which we entered; and now, having completed a circuit of six or seven miles, we return back to Alnwick Castle, having to the left a charming view over a country most beautifully diversified.

"I have now brought my long narrative to a conclusion, in which be pleased to observe that some things are mentioned not as objects of attention, but merely as landmarks, the better to distinguish and divide the several parts of the ride; yet most of the particulars above described afford great and striking beauties.

"I am, &c. &c."

1767.

Two letters from the Rev. Mr. Percy to the Rev. William Cole, dated March 9, and 28, 1767, respecting his new edition of the "Reliques of Ancient Poetry," are printed in "Literary Illustrations," vol. vi. p. 561 to 563.

1769.

REV. EDWARD BLAKEWAY* to DR. PERCY.

"MY DEAR FRIEND,

Monmouth, Sept. 22, 1769.

"In my last letter I promised to send you an account of the entertainment I expected to meet with at the celebration of Shakespear's jubilee. I was not unmindful of my promise, and had resolved to write you a full description of all our amusements, and some of the inconveniences we had at Stratford. But I soon found myself quite anticipated by the public papers, which have very properly related everything that was material and interesting. However, I must confess that they have rather exaggerated in the badness of beds, &c., for there was nothing which could not very well be put up with for two days. My expedition cost me about ten guineas, and I by no means regret the expense; for that part of the entertainment in which Mr. Garrick was concerned, namely, the recital of the Ode, was well worth all the pains and money endured and laid out in this journey. I have seen him in most of his principal characters on the stage, but never I think did he exhibit greater talents and abilities for action and expression than on this trying occasion. Never in my whole life did I so sensibly feel the power of eloquence, or find myself worked up to such a degree of somewhat very like enthusiasm. The Ode itself when read over in the closet is a pretty good one, but had you heard it recited by Garrick (when I do not think you would have found a single word delivered but

* A memoir of the Rev. Edward Blakeway is given in *Literary Illustrations*, vol. V. p. 643, where is also an earlier and most excellent letter of Mr. Blakeway to his friend Mr. Percy, dated July 4, 1765, congratulating him on his introduction to the Northumberland Family. Mr. Blakeway was an excellent correspondent. Fifty of his letters to Bishop Percy were sold by auction, July 20, 1835, and were purchased for Mrs. Blakeway.

with the most proper emphasis), you would have judged it worthy of our greatest poets. I have formerly heard Mr. Sheridan pronounce Dryden's Music Ode, which is without doubt one of the best compositions in our language, but I can assure you that the difference between the two speakers was immense, and Garrick was as much superior to Sheridan in elocution as Dryden to our Roscius in his poetical capacity.

"I was much disappointed in not meeting our friend Farmer at Stratford; he is lately promoted to one of the Whitehall preacherhips, and was then at London, but I much wonder that he did not show his respect to Shakespear and Garrick in this solemnity.

"You see by the papers the part* which King, the comedian, sustained; this was a part of the entertainment quite unexpected, unless by some few in the secret, and he performed it to admiration.

"In some respects his part was more difficult than that of Garrick's; it is more easy to command the attention of the audience for three quarters of an hour, by a speech or poem, partly serious and partly comic, than to make them laugh for the same space of time. This difficult task Mr. King effected, for he kept the whole company upon the full roar of mirth at the end of almost every sentence he pronounced. In short, this recital and comic representation of the merits of our great dramatic Bard pleased every body, and put us all in high good humour. The weather proved unfavourable for the pageant, which Mr. Garrick had taken great pains about, but I suppose you will have it exhibited on the stage this winter. He is too skilful and prudent a manager to put himself to any extraordinary expense, without making it answer to him in some shape or other. I have been at this place for the last week upon a visit to a friend, and shall return to Shrewsbury before the end of the month, when I propose sticking close to my little work,† which I greatly fear will not answer your expectations, but will prove in the end only an amusement to myself. Let me have the pleasure of hearing from you as soon as possible. I hope Mrs.

* Ambassador from the Society of the Macaroni to the good folks *Le Bas*. See an Account of the Stratford Jubilee, by a correspondent, in the *Gent. Mag.* 1769, p. 421—423.

† We are not aware that Mr. Blakeway published any work.

Percy has fully recovered her health, and most sincerely wish you both all possible comfort and happiness. Your friend Mr. Pitt of Prior's Lee died lately at Bath; the fortune he has left behind him is said to be about 20,000*l*. I am, my good friend, yours most faithfully and affectionately,
E. BLAKEWAY."

Rev. Dr. SAMUEL SALTER*.

1769—1774.

Memorial to his Grace the Duke of NORTHUMBERLAND
from the Master of the Charter House.

"Feb. 14, 1769.

"The Master of the Charter House (Dr. Salter) received this day, (14 February, 1769,) a short letter from a Mr. James Jefferson, dated from the clerk of the peace's office in Chancery-lane, notifying to the Master that he was put into the commission of the peace for Middlesex and Westminster, and making a tender of his service in taking out the *dedimus*, &c. The Master has written what was necessary to Mr. Jefferson; and begs leave to address a short memorial to his Grace the Duke of Northumberland, relative to this matter.

"The Masters of this Hospital have usually been in the commission; but have seldom or never acted. The present Master, who came in seven years ago, never solicited that honour; as for other good reasons, so particularly because he conceived the tumultuous and irregular resort to an acting and active justice of peace was scarce consistent with the safety, certainly very detrimental to the quiet and retreat, of his boys and old men in the hospital; who keep very early hours, ought not to be disturbed without necessity, and should not, if possible, even know aught of those disorderly proceedings which come so frequently before the magistrate for animadversion and punishment.

* Of Dr. Salter, see *Memoirs in Literary Anecdotes*, vol. III. pp. 221—225.; VII. 367—689; IX. 787. Bishop Percy seems to have entertained a contemptible opinion of Dr. Salter. In a letter to Mr. Nichols, March 25, 1789, he calls him, "that shallow prater, poor Salter, one of the weakest boasters I ever knew, who was always affecting to retail anecdotes of great men." See p. 79 of this volume.

"The Master, therefore, as he neither desired this office for himself, nor could have accepted it if offered him, so was heartily sorry to find that one of his colleagues, Mr. Colepeper, was gotten into the commission. He observed the manifold inconveniences of this to the Hospital in various instances, and received many complaints of it. But, unwilling to interpose in a matter of this sort, which might displease his neighbour and schoolfellow, he continued to bear this very great nuisance, which, however, appeared so insupportable to the late Archbishop of Canterbury, that his Grace, having received a written complaint of the like kind, reproved the Master for his silent acquiescence, and ordered him immediately to put a stop to it, by a message from his Grace to Mr. Colepeper. This message was delivered, and promised to be obeyed; but the nuisance still continues notwithstanding.

"The Master hopes his Grace of Northumberland will pardon him, not only for declining the honour intended him, but also for requesting humbly, on account of the Hospital he presides over, that Mr. Colepeper may not be in this new commission; nor any other person whose habitation is within the Charter House walls.

"SAMUEL SALTER."

Answer drawn up by Dr. Percy in the name of the Duke of NORTHUMBERLAND.

"Northumberland House, Feb. 23, 1769.

"The Duke of Northumberland presents his compliments to Dr. Salter, and desires to inform him, that it has been usual to insert the name of the Master of the Charter House in all commissions of the peace for Westminster and Middlesex; and the Duke would not omit this opportunity of testifying his attention and regard for Dr. Salter; but that the Doctor is not expected to act as a magistrate, unless it should be entirely agreeable to himself.

"As for Mr. Colepeper, his name having been inserted in former commissions of the peace for these thirty years past, it was necessarily continued in this; it is not usual to leave out the name of any gentleman who has once acted as a magistrate."

To the Rev. Dr. PERCY.

"SIR,

Charter-house, 27 September, 1773.

"It is within these very few days only that I learned,

I forget where, that you have lately published a very curious book, taken from the Northumberland papers, and that it is not to be had but from yourself, or from the noble family. I have not the honour to be at all known to them, nor have I much pretence to apply to you. I can only say, with great truth, that I shall be glad to see whatever has been authentically published, or shall be, of them, and whatever you have introduced, or may hereafter introduce, to the public. I am, with very great and sincere respect, Sir,

“Your most obedient humble servant,

“SAMUEL SALTER.”

“SIR,

Norwich, July 7, 1774.

“I was this morning favoured with yours of the 5th, and am very glad that I had it in my power at once to oblige you, and to accommodate a quiet and orderly pensioner, without departing from the stated and established rules of the Hospital. I am afraid I cannot comply with your present request, not that I have any immediate objection to Edwards, or predilection for any other person; but, you must understand, our old men, according to the spirit and temper of the times, are very impatient under every degree and any sort of restraint; and, because they are to have no women attending them but such as are put in by the Master for that purpose, they choose rather to go without than to employ any one of his appointment, though there are twelve of them, and they are quite free to take any of them. Edwards was brought in by some two or three irregular persons, without my knowledge I would say, rather than in contempt and defiance of my authority; and though, as I have no complaint against her, I can connive at her stay amongst us, and will do it very cheerfully rather than Mr. Percy should be made at all uneasy by the loss of Harrison, yet we must not reward any one for being irregular, nor give any open countenance or encouragement to such as have come in amongst us without authority, and continue amongst us in a sort of opposition to authority.

“Having thus, I hope satisfactorily, given an answer to your application, I am to beg your pardon for my neglect, in not having thanked you for the curious book you were so good as to send me. I could not do it in a proper manner when the messenger delivered it from you, but

fully designed, as I told him, to do it very soon, either in person or by letter. I suppose the company I then, and for some time after, had in my house, and my journey hither at the end of May, prevented my waiting upon you; but what prevented my writing to you I do not recollect, nor know how either to excuse or to account for. I can now only apologise to you for my carelessness, and make what amends I am able, by assuring you that you may very safely assure Mr. Percy of my entire disposition to tolerate Elizabeth Edwards, while her stay in the house, and attendance on him, gives him comfort, and contributes to his happiness in any degree.

"I am, Sir, with very real and great respect, your most obedient humble servant,

"SAMUEL SALTER."

"Rev. Dr. Percy, Northumberland House."

1772.

Dr. PERCY to Dr. DUCAREL.

"Northumberland House, Jan. 13, 1772.

"Dr. Percy presents his best respects to Dr. Ducarel, and is extremely obliged to him for a sight of the curious letter and specimen* with which he favoured him. Dr. Percy has seen many former specimens of the same verses, and heard a great deal of the history of the discovery; which, when he has the pleasure to see Dr. Ducarel, he will relate at large: at present he can only say, that their *genuineness* is rather *doubted* till the original MS. can be produced."

Mr. LOCKYER DAVIS † to Dr. PERCY.

"June 1, 1772.

"Lockyer Davis presents his respects to Dr. Percy, who has not yet favoured him with the Introduction to the 'Key to the New Testament.' Mr. Davis, some time since, supplied Dr. Percy with duplicate sheets of that part of the work.

"As Dr. Percy makes no secret of his name, as author of the 'Key,' would it be improper, or disagreeable to

* Chatterton's MSS.

† See memoir of Lockyer Davis in *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. VI. p. 436; and notices of him in vol. VII. pp. 104, 549.

him, to add the initials of it, either to the Dedication or Preface?

"Dr. Percy has received Dr. Hurd's Book, and Mr. Bowyer's.

"Dr. Percy would have received the Letters that accompany this long since, had Mr. Davis been able readily to have turned to them; *viz.*

"Letters of Hawkesworth; of Dean Swift; of Lady Betty Germaine; of James Stopford; of Mrs. Barber; and Duchess of Queensberry's answer to the King and Queen."

1773.

REV. DR. SAMUEL PEGGE* to DR. PERCY.

"DEAR SIR,

Whittington, June, 1773.

"I perceive that in the second volume of the *Archæologia*, p. 100, are printed my Observations on your account of the Minstrels among the Saxons, the Council not being aware that they had been replied to in the second edition of your Essay. But candour, and a love of truth, oblige me to acknowledge that you have removed my doubts in a very satisfactory manner, by that larger and more full discussion of the subject which you have been pleased to give in your last edition. I sincerely wish you all imaginable success in your literary labours for the public service; and am, Sir,

"Your truly affectionate and most obedient Servant,

"SAMUEL PEGGE."†

1774.

DR. PERCY to RICHARD GOUGH,‡ Esq.

"Northumberland House, March 3, 1774.

"Dr. Percy presents his compliments to Mr. Gough. He is just come to town, and finds a very obliging card from Mr. Gough, informing him that he has sent him the Copy of *Vincent on Brooke, with Sir Wm. Dugdale's MS. Notes*; but as Dr. Percy does not find the book here, he hopes that Mr. Gough has it still in his possession; in

* Ample Memoirs of Dr. Pegge, by his Son, are printed in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1796, and reprinted in the Literary Anecdotes, vol. VI. pp. 224—258. See also vol. VII. 314, 646. Literary Illustrations, General Index.

† *Archæologia*, vol. III. p. 310.

‡ See Literary Anecdotes, vol. VII. 154, 577; Literary Illustrations, General Index.

which case he earnestly solicits the favour to have it lent him, which will oblige him exceedingly.

"The enclosed letter followed Dr. Percy into the country, and, as Mr. Parker informed him that it required no haste, he has ventured to keep it till he came to town. He begs the favour of Mr. Gough to let him have Sir David Lindsay's Satirical Play as soon as possible, as he wants to perfect it by a Scottish MS. lent him out of the Advocates' Library, which he has been called upon to return. Dr. Percy will, with pleasure, pay the porter that brings Vincent on Brooke, and this fragment of Sir D. Lindsay, whenever Mr. Gough pleases to send them.

"Captain Grose having given Dr. Percy a small impression of the Hermitage of Warkworth, be pleased to accept of it, as it is very exact.

"To Richard Gough, Esq. Winchester Street, London."

1777.

The Earl of HARDWICKE* to DR. PERCY.

"April 19, 1777.

"Lord Hardwicke's compliments to Dr. Percy, and having read over the account of the Kraken, can give no credit to it. He has no idea of any man's sending so extraordinary a relation without vouching it, and thinks it should have been transmitted to the Royal Society more authentically, had it been founded. Names of persons, places, and dates, cost the ingenious in forgery no trouble, but a few *coups de plume*. Thinks that Dr. Percy, if he was asked the question, might know something of so early an affidavit, sworn to and dated on his own island.—H.

"It is very singular that a vessel a mile off from the object did not see it; and the Janet was three miles."

Rev. JOHN BOWLE† to Dr. PERCY.

"DEAR SIR,

London, May 11, 6 o'clock morn. 1777.

"My chaise is just ready for departure, and though I have staid so long here, I leave this city with regret, as I

* Philip Yorke, first Earl of Hardwicke. See memoir of this learned and literary nobleman in Chalmers's Dictionary; and ample notices in Literary Anecdotes, vol. VII. pp. 168, 586; Literary Illustrations, General Index.

† In 1777, Mr. Bowle published A Letter to Rev. Dr. Percy, concerning

had not the pleasure of giving you my printed proposals and a receipt or two in person: but as I had not this happiness I take the liberty to leave them for you. I am embarked in a weighty business, but have my hopes I shall buoy up, and meet with a favourable gale. This must be left to time to discover. Should matters succeed to my wishes, I should present you with my first copy, at all events you shall have one of the best paper. Inclosed are five receipts. Shall I suppose them for Dr. Douglas, Mr. Steevens, (for whom I have transcribed some notes, and think I have more,) Mr. Tyrwhitt, Mr. Collingwood, or any friend of yours that may fall in your way? Mr. Barrington, who in the most friendly manner espouses my plan, has desired me to acquaint you that he goes out of town to-morrow, and does not return in a fortnight. With every good wish towards you,

"I remain, your much obliged, humble servant,

"JOHN BOWLE."

Notes on Shakespeare by the Rev. John Bowle.

TWELFTH NIGHT.

Rowe, p. 874. *Clown to Malvolio*.—"Endeavour thyself to sleep, and leave thy vain *bibble babble*."

May we not suppose Shakespeare in this instance alluding to a fact notorious to his cotemporaries? "Three or four of them [*i. e.* persons supposed to be possessed by the Devil] gave themselves up to scoffing and blasphemy, calling the holy Bible, being brought up, bible bable, bible bable."—Darrel, *Of the Strange and Greivous Vexation by the Devil of Seven Persons in Lancashire*. Printed 1600, 4to. *Bibble babble* signifies idle unseasonable chit-chat, in which sense it is used in *Henry V. Act 4*.—"You shall find no tittle tattle, nor *bibble babble* there."

a new and classical edition of *Historia del valoroso Cavallero Don Quixote de la Mancha*, to be illustrated by annotations and extracts from the historians, poets, and romances of Spain and Italy, and other writers ancient and modern, with a glossary and indexes, in which are occasionally interspersed some reflections on the genius and learning of the author, with a map of Spain adapted to the history, and to every translation of it." 4to.

The work appeared in 1781, in six 4to volumes; the first four consist of the text, the fifth of the annotations, and the sixth of the index.—See memoir of Rev. John Bowle, in *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. VI. p. 182; VII. 39, 519.

Rowe, p. 874.—

“I'll be with you again,
In a trice, like to the old Vice,
Your need to sustain;
Who with dagger of lath,
In his rage and his wrath,
Cries ah ! ah ! to the Devil.”

I know no writer who gives so complete an account of this obsolete character as Archbishop Harsnet, in his Declaration of Popish Impostures, p. 114, Lond. 1603. “It was a pretty part (he tells us) in the old Churchplayes when the nimble Vice would skip up nimbly like a jackanapes into the Devil's necke, and ride the Devil a course, and belabour him with his wooden dagger, till he made him roare, whereat the people would laugh to see the Devil so vice-haunted.”

JULIUS CÆSAR. P. 2254.

“When Beggars die there are no comets seen,
The heavens themselves blaze forth the death of Princes.”

“Circa festum Sancti Petri ad Vincula, 1223, *Philippus Rex Francorum* diem clausit extremum : cujus mortem *cometa* ardens et crinita, quæ paulo ante apparuerat, *indicavit*.” *Matt. Paris, Hist.* 317.

HENRY IV.

P. 1153. *Falstaff to Prince Henry*.—“I would give a thousand pound I could run as fast as thou canst.”

Shakespeare in his real characters is to be depended on as an historian : agility and fast running were among the qualifications of this illustrious young prince. “*Omnes coetaneos suos saliendo præcessit* (says Thomas de Elmham, p. 12), *cursu veloci simul currentes prævenit*.”

Ibid. 1265.—“It ascends *me* into the brain, drives *me* up there all the vapours.”

This use of the pronoun is a familiar redundancy sometimes in use in our old writers. So Latimer, p. 91, “Here cometh *me* now these Holy Fathers from their counsel.—There was one wiser than the rest, he comes *me* to the Bishop.” *Ed.* 1571-75.

Ibid. 1488.—

K. Henry. “Go take hence that traytor from our sight,
For by his death we do perceive his guilt.”
’Twas an odd mode of justice the ancient use of the

duel. The unhappy conquered not only lost his life but his reputation, and his death was always looked on as a certain evidence of guilt. We have a remarkable instance of this in an account of the *Duellum inter dominum Johannem Hannesty, militem, et Robertum Katerinton, armigerum, in quo Robertus fuit occisus*. From whence, says the historian, *Magna fuit evidentia quod militis causa erat vera, ex quo mors alterius sequebatur*. A. Murimuth, *ad an.* 1380, p. 149.

The Forest of Arden may be found in the *Mirroir of Knighthood*, and Oberon and the Faeries in *Huon de Bourdeaux*.

Ibid. Hen. IV.—“Three misbegotten knaves in Kendal green.”

“We the Kynges saied subjects do geve and graunt eight pence of the pounce of the price and value of all and synguler woollen clothes, Carseyes, Fryses, Cottons, *Kendales*, and all other kinde of wollen clothes.” Acts anno 2 and 3 of Edward VI. printed by Grafton, 1549, f. 47.

“Away you starveling, you *elfskin*.”

The quarto of 1599 reads *eelskin*. Those of 1608 and 1613 as it is here. The former seems to point out the true reading, viz. *eelskin*. The expression occurs in *King John*.

Bastard.—“My arms such *eelskins* stuft.” Act 1. So again, Hen. IV. Act 3, at the end, “You might have trussed him and his apparel into an *eelskin*.”

Hen. IV. Act 2.—“Where lay the King last night?

Gower.—At Basingstoke last night.”

The quarto of 1600 says at Billingsgate.

Ibid. Sc. 4.—“Down dog, down fates: have we not Hiren here?”

I dont know whence Shakespeare derived this allusion to Arthur's lance. “*Accinctus etiam Caliburno gladio optimo, lancia nomine Iron dexteram suam decoravit.*” *Westmonasteriensis*, p. 98.

Ibid. Enter Falstaffe and Colevile—“My name is Colevile of the Dale.”

See Hardyng's Chronicle, 205, ch. 202 b.

HENRY VIII. Act 2.

"When I came hither, I was Lord High Constable, and Duke of Buckingham; now poor *Edward Bohun*."

Hall is Shakespeare's authority for this misnomer. This unfortunate Duke of Bucks was Edward Stafford.

"Idmiston, Oct. 27, 1777.

"Shall I have fought through the whole Battle of Roncesvalles, and say nothing of the event of the engagement to my respected friend Dr. Percy? That be far from me. Yes, dear Sir, I have done this, with my accustomed perseverance. I have toiled and turmoiled through *El verdadero suceso de la Famosa Batalla de Roncesvalles, con la Muerte de los doze Pares de Francia, por Fr. Ganido de Villena. En Toledo. 1583; 4to.* Six-and-thirty as dull and tedious cantos as ever merited fire or perpetual oblivion. If I have not in many instances traced Cervantes here, yet, to make some amends for my drudgery, various illustrations of his text have presented themselves from this quarter. For this fatigue I am obliged to Mr. Mickle, the translator of Camoens. I do not recollect that I ever mentioned anything to you of Don Casimiro de Ortega's Letter to Mr. Ventades, in which he mentions "La nueva edicion de Don Quixote por nuestro Rev. Bowle," and adds—"Ha parecido aqui grandemente, y lisonjeado el gusto de todos los eruditos, y singularmente de la Academia de la Lengua Castellana, la idea original de imprimir la obra de Cervantes con todos los honores de un autor classico, y la de añadir un mapa topografica del Itinerario del Heroe Manchego. Ha tomado nuestro amigo al verdadero camino de interpretar, y facilitar la inteligencia de los passages oscuros, consultando los Romanceros assi Italianos como Españoles, y otras obras a que aluden las expresiones de Cervantes. Io me intereso por el mismo Rev. Bowle en sus lucimientos, he consultado sobre el mapa al mejor Geografo que aqui tenemos" &c.; and he is no other than Don Tomas Lopez, the publisher of the Atlas de España, who has corrected its numerous errors, which, subscribed with his own firma, Don Casimiro sent me. It is dated from Madrid in February last.

"I have lately had some friendly hints from the same quarter through Mr. White, though he did not acquaint me from whom they came. But a letter to him from Rome, of the first instant, from John Talbot Dillon,* Esq.

* See p. 193.

promises great things. The writer says that, having lived many years in his youth in Spain, he acquired a most perfect knowledge of the language ; that he has by him a very large collection of notes, critical and historical, with Illustrations of Don Quixote, explaining all the hard words and difficult passages, the whole being the result of near twenty years' study, and two journeys into Spain and Portugal ; and desires to know if the same would be agreeable to him or the ingenious author in question. I have answered his letter, and, thanking him for his offer, have closed with his proposal, giving him an abstract of what I have done, inclosing my proposals and map, and hope to hear further from him when I come to town, which most probable will be very early in December. I have not been slothful in my searches this past summer, but, though I have been much at home, have travelled through France and Italy, to get acquainted with *El Senor Escotillo*, one of whose disciples was the *Fabricador de la Cabeza Encantada*, and find him to be, not, as his name seemed to import, a Scotch, but an English conjuror. I hope the Elegy on Cleiveland will be as acceptable now as when you last heard from me, at which time I had mislaid it.

"I remain, dear Sir, your much obliged and obedient servant,

"JOHN BOWLE."

M. MALLET* to Dr. PERCY.

"MONSIEUR,

Geneve, ce 13^e May, 1777.

"Vous auriez reçu il y a longtems mes remerciemens de votre obligeante lettre, et des offres que vous voulez bien y joindre, et auxquelles j'ai été véritablement sensible, si je n'avois crû devoir attendre pour vous écrire d'avoir le plaisir de recevoir la personne que vous m'annonciez. Mais jusqu' ici je l'ai attendue vainement. Tout ce que j'ai pû comprendre c'est que Mr. Slaney m'a envoyé la lettre en question depuis Auxerre, où il a pris une autre route, ou une autre destination. Je suis fâché de ce que ce changement m'a privé d'une occasion de vous prouver

* Paul Henry Mallet. His "Northern Antiquities" were translated by Dr. Percy, 1770, and a new edition, edited by J. A. Blackwell, Esq. has been published in Bohn's Antiquarian Library, 1847. It is revised throughout, and much enlarged, with a translation of the prose Edda, from the original old Norse Text. To which is added, an abstract of the Egrbyggja Saga, by Sir Walter Scott. Mons. Mallet had a share in the education of Christian VII. King of Denmark ; and was engaged by King Frederick V. to compile the History of Denmark ; and wrote the Northern Antiquities by way of introduction to that history.

combien tout ce qui me vient de vôtre part me sera toujours agréable. S'il s'en présente une autre semblable, je vous prie de compter sur moi, comme sur quelqu'un qui vous est sincèrement dévoué.

“ Le peu de santé dont j'ai joui depuis ces dernières années et diverses distractions ne m'ont pas permis de m'occuper de recherches sur la langue et les antiquités Celtiques autant que je l'aurois souhaité ; mais mon gout pour ce genre d'érudition est toujours le même, et j'espère toujours retrouver une occasion plus favorable de m'y livrer un peu plus de suite. Les secours que vous avez la bonté de m'offrir ne peuvent que contribuer à ranimer mes désirs à cet égard. Je connois de réputation les deux ouvrages dont vous faites mention. Mais je n'ai jamais eu le plaisir de les voir moi-même, en sorte que l'offre que vous me faites de me les faire lire ne peut que m'être très agréable. Je vous promets de mon côté d'avoir autant d'exactitude à vous les renvoyer que vous avez de bonté à me les prêter. Mr. Boissier, officier Anglais, de mes amis, qui sera bientôt à Londres, vous les demandera de ma part, et se chargera de me la faire parvenir par une voye sure. Quand j'en aurai joui pendant le terme pour lequel vous pouvez vous en priver, j'aurai également soin qu'ils vous soient renvoyés par quelque bonne occasion.

“ La nouvelle edition de l'Histoire de Dannemarc dont vous voulez bien savoir des nouvelles, se continue à Copenhague, mais avec moins de promptitude que je ne l'aurois souhaité. Elle est in 4to. et le premier volume va seulement être achevé. Vous savez sans doute, Monsieur, aussi bien que moi, combien il faut que les auteurs usent de patience avec leurs libraires, qui n'ont, je pense, dans vôtre pays comme dans les autres, que leurs convenances et leur intérêt pour règle dans leurs procédés avec des personnes à qui'ils doivent souvent beaucoup. Si les promesses du mien sont effectuées, je serai cependant bientôt en état de vous envoyer cette nouvelle edition, dont le tribut vous est dû à si juste titre. Je voudrais que vous la trouvassiez plus perfectionnée dans la partie qui regarde les Antiquités du Nord, mais quoique j'eusse preferé de beaucoup cette partie de mon sujet, il a fallu par diverses considérations s'occuper principalement de la partie historique, et la continuer jusques après la révolution qui fit du Dannemarc une monarchie absolue en 1660.

“ Si Mr. Slaney reprend son dessein de venir passer quelques mois dans cette ville, je serai bien charmé de lui être de quelque utilité, et je ne manquerai pas de profiter de cette occasion de vous renouveler les assurances des sentimens distingués avec lesquels j’ai l’honneur d’être,

“ Monsieur,

“ Votre très humble et très obeissant serviteur,

“ MALLET.”

“ MONSIEUR,

Geneve, ce 2^e Juillet, 1777.

“ Mr. Boissier, qui vous remettra cette lettre, est un de mes bons amis qui, cultivant la littérature pour son amusement, et retournant dans votre pays, a dû naturellement desirer d’y faire la connoissance d’une personne de votre réputation. Il m’a prié de lui en faciliter le moyen, et j’ai espéré que vous ne trouveriez pas mauvais que je vous demandasse la permission de vous rendre ses devoirs et de passer quelques momens avec vous, lorsqu’il se trouveroit à portée de jouir de votre conversation. Je serai bien charmé d’apprendre de vos nouvelles par son moyen, et d’avoir de mon côté des occasions de vous donner des preuves de tous les sentimens distingués avec lesquels j’ai l’honneur d’être, Monsieur,

“ Votre très humble et très obeissant serviteur,

“ MALLET.”

“ Geneve, ce 8^e Novembre, 1777.

“ Je vous aurois temoigné plutôt toute la réconnoissance que je vous dois, Monsieur, pour le beau present que vous m’avez envoyé par Messrs. Beckford* et Lettice,† si ces messieurs ne l’eussent laissé dans une malle avec d’autres livres qui ne sont arrivés qu’assez longtems après eux. J’en jouis actuellement et j’ai déjà parcouru avec beaucoup de plaisir et d’instruction l’Archæologia, qui me parôit un véritable tresor dans ce genre d’érudition. J’espère qu’il me sera fort utile pour les recherches que je m’amuse à faire, quand d’autre occupations me le permettent, sur les divers vestiges encore subsistants ça et là de l’ancienne langue Celtique. Et par cette raison j’aurois fort souhaité que l’auteur eut publié le second volume de son

* The celebrated William Beckford, Esq. of Fonthill. He died May 2, 1844. See a memoir in *Gent. Mag. New Series*, vol. XXII. p. 209.

† Rev. John Lettice, D.D. who is already noticed in *Literary Illustrations*, General Index.

ouvrage, qui, comme il l'annonce dans sa préface, devoit contenir l'explication de plusieurs noms de lieux de la Grande Bretagne et celle de divers monumens de ses premiers habitans. Mais je comprends que ce second volume n'existe pas ou ne se trouve plus, et qu'il faut suppléer par quelque autre ouvrage à cette partie de son travail, qui n'étoit pas sans doute la moins intéressante.

"Je ne vous suis pas moins obligé de m'avoir fait connoître Messrs. Beckford et Lettice. Ils sont tous les deux dans des genres différens des personnes de beaucoup de mérite. L'esprit, la vivacité d'imagination, et les talens, de Mr. Beckford le font aimer et recevoir ici avec plaisir par tous ceux qui le connoissent. Mr. Lettice vit plus retiré, mais c'est parce qu'il le veut bien, et nous sommes ici plusieurs personnes qui serions charmées de jouir plus souvent de sa conversation et de lui procurer quelques agrémens.

"J'avois espéré de pouvoir vous faire parvenir il y a déjà quelque tems le nouveau volume, qui vient d'être imprimé à Copenhague, de l'Histoire de Dannemarc. L'impression en est en effet achevée, mais il n'est point encore arrivé ici. Je sais seulement qu'il est en chemin, et que je ne puis tarder beaucoup à le recevoir. J'aurai l'honneur de vous en faire parvenir aussitôt qu'il se pourra un exemplaire. Je vous dois cette foible marque de reconnaissance à tant de titres, que je serois impatient par cette seule raison de le recevoir et de le recommander à votre indulgence et à votre amitié. Continuez moi l'une et l'autre je vous en prie, et ne doutez pas des sentimens de dévouement et du respect bien sincères avec lesquels je suis, Monsieur,

"Vôtre très humble et très obeissant serviteur,

"P. H. MALLET."

Dr. PERCY to JOHN WILSON,* Esq.

"SIR,

Alnwick Castle, Sept. 4, 1777.

"I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in troubling you with a few lines, although I have not the honour to be known to you. Mr. Bosville, of Gunthwaite, was here a few days ago, and very obligingly communicated to me some particulars which, I think, very much illustrate the excellent old ballad of the 'Dragon of Wantley,' (of

* For copies of these three Letters to Mr. Wilson I am indebted to the kindness of the Rev. Joseph Hunter, F.S.A.

which I published a copy, some years since, in a book printed for Dodsley, entitled, 'Reliques of Ancient English Poetry,' 3 vols). Mr. Bosville's opinion, viz. that the Dragon, &c. was intended to stigmatize the person who rented the impropriation of Penistone, for his attempt to compel the parishioners to pay tithes in kind, I think extremely probable and satisfactory, as it seems to afford a very good key to the satire, which, till now, has always appeared to me inexplicable. There were, however, one or two circumstances, on which, when I wished for a little further information, Mr. Bosville referred me, Sir, to you, and encouraged me to hope that you would both resolve my doubts, and pardon my intrusion. They respect the hero of the poem, More of More-hall. Mr. Bosville tells me there is a house at the bottom of Wharnccliffe Wood, called More-hall, but that it was never, he believes, inhabited by a person of the name of *More*: I beg therefore to apply to you, for your opinion, whether it might not, at the time of the lawsuit, (tempore Jacobi I.) have been the residence of some lawyer, or other person, who took the lead in managing the suit in behalf of the parishioners against the Wortley family, that rented the impropriation, and that his real name (whatever it was) was disguised under that of More of More-hall.

"I should esteem it a very great favour if you would oblige me with your opinion on this subject, and with any information that may occur to you, which may any way tend to illustrate this favourite old song.

"I should now conclude, but am tempted to trespass on your patience a little longer. One of your name was Dean of Worcester in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. This was Thomas Wilson, D.D. who died in 1585, having been Dean of Worcester, if I remember right, about 14 or 15 years. He had been educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where I think he took the degree of A.B. in 1541; and, according to tradition, was of a Yorkshire family. As I have a particular interest in tracing his descent, I should be glad to know if you have any account of him, or could assist me in finding out what family in Yorkshire he might probably be descended from. He gave for his arms, Sable, a wolf salient or, with three mullets or, in chief. He had a brother, named Nicholas Wilson (who had a son, named John). The dean himself had several sons and daughters; the former were named

Samuel, Thomas, Robert; the latter, Mary, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Judith. I mention these, as they may tend to show what family he sprang from, as Christian names sometimes serve, in subjects of this kind, for a clue. It is remarkable enough, that, at the very same time with the above Dean of Worcester, lived another Thomas Wilson, LL.D. who was Dean of Durham, and both gave the same arms, and should seem to be of the same family, from his giving his son the peculiar name of *Nicholas*. This last Thomas, indeed, was an eminent statesman, and probably might procure for his kinsman the deanery of Worcester, while he reserved himself for the richer deanery of Durham.

"Will you have the goodness to excuse me for having troubled you on these subjects, and allow me to solicit the honour of a line, which will exceedingly oblige, Sir,

"Your most obedient and humble servant,

"T. PERCY."

"P. S. Allow me to add, with regard to the above Dean of Worcester, that there is a tradition among his descendants (of whom I myself am one), that the Dean's father, or some near relation of his, had been concerned, in 1536, with the rest of the Yorkshire gentlemen, in what was called the Pilgrimage of Grace, or Ashe's rebellion; for which he was obliged to fly to Worcester for concealment; and that the said Wilson was accompanied with two other gentlemen out of the North, the one named Percy (my own lineal ancestor), the other named Wingfield; that they all three came to Worcester in the disguise of sailors; and, settling in that city, their posterity intermarried, and continued to maintain a great friendship for many generations. Certain it is that the Dean's eldest daughter, Mary, married Edward Wingfield, Esq. and that a daughter of that marriage, Margaret Wingfield, became wife of my father's great-grandfather, Thomas Percy, who was mayor of Worcester in 1662.

"Can you pardon all this impertinence in a mere stranger?"

"John Wilson, Esq. at Bromhead, near Wakefield, Yorkshire."

"Mr. Wilson's reply is dated 14 Oct. 1777:—supposes the Ballad to be much older than the time of James I. 'The tradition of this country is, that it was only a drinking bout, and that the person who then lived at

Wharncliffe Lodge (who I suppose was a Wortley) was a very great drinker, or, as the country people here yet say of any one who eats, drinks, or works very hard, a *dragon* at it, and that More of More-hall encountered him, and that he died dead drunk :—supposes John More of More-hall temp. Hen. VIII. to be the hero of the song ; his daughter, Margaret, married John Wilson of Bromhead 14 Hen. VIII. Thomas More lived there temp. Eliz. ; temp. Jac. I. it belonged to the Blounts. Mentions the Dragon's den, and Taylor the Water Poet's account of it. Sends some account of the two Wilsons, chiefly from printed authorities."

"SIR,

Easton Mauduit, Oct. 18, 1777.

"Your most obliging favour of Oct. 14, merits my earliest acknowledgements. The circumstances you have communicated, concerning the situation of Wharncliffe, are curious and satisfactory. Yet I cannot think the present popular ballad of the Dragon of Wantley so old as the time of Hen. VIII. from the familiar (I had almost said modern) cast of the phraseology, easy flow of the versification, the smoothness of the style, which does not exhibit one obsolete word, or a single trait that savours of remote, or even moderate, antiquity. I should hardly have judged it, from any external appearance, so old even as the Restoration. To which, let me add, that in all Pepys's Collection of Ballads, consisting of many thousands, carefully preserved and arranged, (which I very minutely examined some years ago,) I did not find any copy of this ballad that had been ever printed in black letter.

"There were one or two editions of it, in the most modern Roman type, in which the spelling was quite modern. So that I am almost certain that, let it have been composed when it would, it had never appeared in print till after the Restoration ; otherwise I think we should have seen allusions to it in Hudibras, and other poems of that same time. Let me add, that I think several particulars in the description of the Dragon seem taken from Spenser's Fairy Queen.—See Book I. Canto II.

"Upon the whole, I still suspect that the dispute about tithes might be alluded to in part, though a drinking bout might suggest the catastrophe of the story ; and that the hero, Moor of Moor-hall, was either the last of the

family, Thomas More, who lived in Queen Elizabeth's reign, or, perhaps, a subsequent proprietor of Moor-hall, who might be named More, from his place, by a poetical licence, and to disguise his real name; that if the ballad was composed in the time of Queen Elizabeth or James I. it was only handed about in manuscript, or preserved by recitation till after the Restoration or even the Revolution, and then, being committed by somebody to the press,* soon became popular, and has been ever since most deservedly a favourite with the whole nation.

"All this I only mention hypothetically, and beg leave to submit to your further consideration. The poem itself is so truly comic, exhibits such genuine humour, and is so peculiarly original, that it deserves all the illustration that can be procured to elucidate it. Inclosed, I beg leave to send you a short introduction which was premised to a copy of the ballad in question, printed some years ago among the 'Reliques of Ancient English Poetry' in 3 vols. 12mo. Your account of the catastrophe being founded on a drinking bout, seems exceedingly probable, and best suits the comic turn of the poem, though I still suspect the dragon that devoured houses, &c. was Mr. Wortley, the unpopular demander of tithes in kind.†

"I am much obliged to you, Sir, for your account of the Wilson family; I take the liberty to send you a paper which contains the best account of the Wilsons in general, and of the Dean of Worcester in particular, that I have been able to procure. The genealogy is extracted from the Baronetage and other books of that kind; but I suspect that this genealogical table is both defective and incorrect; I should be glad if you would assist me to

* "Its being printed so lately, and handed about before in MS. or by reciters, may be inferred from its having no obsolete spelling or phraseology; these would be reduced to the modern standard in passing through so many different hands unprinted."

† Mr. Hunter, in his excellent History of South Yorkshire, has given an able essay on this old Ballad. "That it was composed in reference to Sir T. Wortley's inclosure of Wharnccliffe, I *now* think cannot be sustained; neither that it was composed while still the family of More resided at More-Hall. The easiness of the versification bespeaks a hand later than the time of Skelton, as well as the general style and composition of the piece. . . . It is not necessary to interpret literally 'More of More-Hall;' but under that phrase some later owner may be represented. . . . The origin suggested by Mr. Bosville to Dr. Percy appears to be best sustained, that it has reference to the unpopular measure to which Sir Richard Wortley had recourse, to compel the inhabitants of Peniston to render their tithe in kind, instead of moduses." History of South Yorkshire, vol. ii. 332.

amend it, and favour me with any additions or improvements. In particular, I should be much obliged to you for a copy of your own genealogy, as corrected and united to the Elton branch; and, in return, any researches that you would wish to have made in the Heralds' Office, the Prerogative Office, or the registers of the Universities, I will endeavour to procure for you. You mention a Thomas Wilson, Sub-dean of Beverley, who was son of Henry, eldest son of Edmund Wilson; I should be glad to know how to connect him with the inclosed pedigree. You mention the establishment of your ancestors at Broomhead, ever since the reign of Hen. III. Could you favour me with a copy or extracts from any ancient record of that date, which must be a great curiosity? Pardon my importunity, and believe me to be, with great respect, Sir,

“Your most obliged and obedient servant,

“THOMAS PERCY.

“P.S. Be pleased to present my best respects to Mr. and Mrs. Bosville and all their family, if in your neighbourhood.”

“INCLOSURES.

“*Memoirs of Dr. Thomas Wilson, Dean of Worcester.*

“The Rev. Thomas Wilson, D.D. was of Trinity College, Cambridge, and in the University Register his degrees are dated as follows:

“He was admitted Bachelor of Arts in	. 1541
Master of Arts 1545
Bachelor of Divinity .	. 1552
Doctor of Divinity .	. 1575

“N.B. The Charter of Trinity Foundation is dated 1546. He was probably therefore of Michael-house, originally one of the halls or hostels whose sites were taken into Trinity College, and the old members of that hall are often mentioned in the University Registers as of Trinity College.

“He was made Prebendary of Worcester in 1560; and upon the death of John Pedder, Dean of Worcester, Thomas Wilson, B.D. was appointed Dean, May 4th, 1571, by Queen Elizabeth, probably by the interest and recommendation of his kinsman, Dr. Thomas Wilson, her Secretary of State, who himself waited for the far better deanery of Durham.—(See Wood's *Athenæ*, vol. I.)

"He died in 1586, and was buried in the Dean's Chapel, where his monument still exhibits the following epitaph, viz.

"Here lies buried Thomas Wilson, Doctor of Divinity, late Dean of this Cathedral; who married Dorothy, the daughter of Robert Bannister, Esq. by whom he had five sons and fower daughters. He departed this life the 10th of July, 1586, in the 28th of Queen Elizabeth her gracious reigne, when he had been Dean of this church full 15 years.'

"The Dean of Worcester's will is preserved in the Prerogative Office in Doctors' Commons. It is dated July 19th, 1586; and the probate is dated 26th of Oct. 1586. In it he mentions his sons, Samuel, Thomas, and Robert; and his daughters, Mary, Judith, and Dorothy, as all then living, though young. He also leaves legacies to his brother Nicholas, and to his nephew John Wilson.

"The registers at Worcester exhibit the following entries of the Wilson family:

" St. Andrew's Register.

"1564. Thomas Wilson was buried 24th July. (I think it probable that this was Dean Wilson's father or uncle, who retired to Worcester out of the North, in 1537).

" St. Michael's Register.

"1570. Samuel, the son of Mr. Wilson, bapt. March 11.

"1571. Mary, the daughter of Mr. Wilson, bapt. April 2.

"1574. Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Wilson, buried Oct. 18.

" St. Martin's Register.

"1632. Dorothie Wilson was buried May 7.

"1640. Maria, uxor Edwardi Wingfield, sepult. Oct. 23.

"1641. Edwardus Wingfield, generosus, sepult. June 9.

" St. Michael's Register.

"1625. Nicholas Wilson was buried out of the palace May 12.

" St. Swithin's Register.

"1617. Mr. John Wilson departed Aug. 28.

“ This last was Dean Wilson’s nephew ; and the Nicholas mentioned in the article immediately preceding it was probably a son of this John ; for I think it hardly probable that Nicholas, the Dean’s brother, outlived him so long.

“ I have not yet been able to discover what became of Dean Wilson’s three sons, Samuel, Thomas, and Robert ; as they probably removed from Worcester, being all intended by their father for the Church, and for whose education and establishment he made handsome provision in his will ; but I have lately sent to Cambridge to have the University Register consulted as to their academical honours, degrees, &c.

“ As for my own ancestress, Mary, eldest daughter of Dean Wilson, she had in dower from her father Lippard estate, near Worcester, which is a leasehold for lives under the Dean and Chapter of Worcester, and married Edward Wingfield, Esq. whose posterity have been seated at Lippard to this day ; the present possessor being my kinsman, George Wingfield, Esq. barrister-at-law, of Lincoln’s-Inn, who last year, 11 January 1776, married Anne, daughter of the Rev. Dr. John Bostock, Canon of Windsor.

“ P. S. I have accompanied the Wilson genealogy with a short sketch of that of the Percys of Worcester, the better to show the connection with the Dean of Worcester’s family, which I have reason to believe was not the first intermarriage of the Wilsons and the Percys. The reasons for this opinion are too minute and tedious to trouble you with them now.

[After a few extracts of persons of the name from Burton’s Monasticon.] “ Be pleased to inform me if you can connect any of these with the Elton family, or that of your own ancestors.

“ Perhaps, after all, the Dean of Worcester might be descended from your branch and not from that of Elton.”

[The pedigree of Wilson is so meagre and common as not to be worth transcribing. That of Percy follows :— It is in another hand.]

John Percy, retired to Worcester out of the North about the year 1537. supposed to be a daughter or granddaughter of Thomas and Julian Wilson, of Elton, co. York.

Thomas Percy, brought to Worcester when a boy. Julian Percy, married at Worcester to Simon Peyte in 1540.

John Percy, died at Worcester 1568. James Percy, of Worcester, dead in 1599. Christian Roche, mar. 1564; died a widow 1599.

Infant, born and died 1587. Richard Percy, eldest son, died between 1609 and 1612. Joyce, dau. of 2nd husband. 2. Thomas.

Thomas Percy, of Worcester, mayor 1662; died 1663. Margaret, dau. of Edward Wingfield, esq. of Lippard, near Worcester, by Mary, dau. of Dr. Wilson, Dean of Worcester, mar. 1627; sister of Thomas Wingfield. Two sons and one dau.; all died young. Christian Percy.

Thomas Percy, eldest son, had 4 daus. and 1 son. 2. Edward Percy, died before 1662. 3. John Percy, born 1638; died at Worcester 1701. Elizabeth, dau. of Arthur Low, of The Low, gent. 4. James Percy, had no surviving male issue. Margaret Mary.

Capt. Thos. Percy, of Worcester, died without issue 1710. Thomas Percy, and other issue young. 1. John Percy, died unmarried, 1685. 2. Arthur Percy, of Bridgworth, north. Margaret, dau. of Rev. William Cleveland, M.A. 3. Edw. s. p. 4. Anthony, of London. 5. Thos. died young, 1694. Three daughters.

Arthur Low Percy, of Bridgworth, d. there 1764, aged 60. Jane, dau. of Thos. Nott, gent. Edward, died without issue. Two daus. died young.

Thos. Percy, D.D. eldest son, chaplain to the Duke of Northumberland. Anne, dau. of Martin Goodrich, gent. marr. 1759. 2. Anthony Percy, living in London, 1776. Mary, dau. of John Mason, gent. 3. Lieut. Arthur Percy, died at Portsmouth, in 1758, aged 22.

Henry, born 1763. Barbara, born 1761. Elizabeth, born 1765. Three other daughters died young.

1777.

Dr. DUCAREL* to Dr. PERCY.

“Doctors’ Commons, 19th Nov. 1777.

“Dr. Ducarel, with compliments to Dr. Percy, herewith sends him the list of Psalms, &c. intended for the new list of the Bibles, &c. which must be printed as soon as possible; desiring him to make such additions or alterations therein as he shall judge proper, and to avoid, as much as can be, all modern paraphrases. These Psalms are to be put, by themselves, at the end of the new edition, which will be printed only on one side, and will make a pamphlet worthy of a library, as one sheet of the Bibles is already printed. Dr. Ducarel hopes to be favoured with the return of this as soon as Dr. Percy can conveniently send it.”

“DEAR SIR,

Doctors’ Commons, Dec. 3, 1777.

“I am extremely obliged to you for your very polite letter, and agree with you in all respects, and return you many thanks for your kind additions; whoever takes up my list of Bibles will easily perceive that the principal view was, to make known the very early editions; and as to the late ones, they could not well be all received, being many of them paraphrases only, and well known; I hope to send you the new edition very soon after Christmas-day. I am very sorry to hear of your indisposition, and hope you are perfectly recovered, and remain, with great esteem, dear Sir, your obliged and faithful humble servant,

“AND. COLTEE DUCAREL.”

1777 and 1778.

From NATHANIEL DAVISON,† Esq. to Dr. PERCY.

“DEAR SIR,

Nice, Dec. 3, 1777.

“Your obliging letter of the 3rd September was regularly and thankfully received, and well deserving of earlier acknowledgment. I was made very happy with the

* Of Dr. Ducarel ample memoirs are given in *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. VI. p. 380—405. See also vol. VII. pp. 116, 555. *Literary Illustrations*, General Index.

† Nathaniel Davison, Agent and Consul General at Algiers. He was the friend and companion of Edw. Wortley Montague, esq. whom he accompanied into the East, and continued there nearly three years. See *Literary Anecdotes*, IV. 637, 638.

favourable accounts you gave me of the Duke's, Lord Percy's, and Lord and Lady Algernon's health, to which the climate of Alnwick seems to have contributed its share; but sorry to hear that you and your family have suffered so much from illness, from which I hope you are now perfectly freed.

"I ought to have told you when I mentioned my views on the consulship of Naples, that Mr. Jamineaux's demands were so high as to prevent anybody's treating with him, though I understand it was his chief errand to England, where he has now been about three years. There is no likelihood of his returning to Italy, and I am flattered with hopes of succeeding to Naples. I am certain that a word from the Duke to Lord Weymouth would secure my appointment, or at least assurances of it on the first vacancy, which is all I can desire. Lord Weymouth has given me the most obliging but general promise of promotion as soon as it is in his power, which has been oftener than once repeated to Mr. Robinson and Sir William Lynch, and which has hitherto prevented my presenting a memorial to obtain an addition to my allowance here.

"I have been assured by a friend, in confidence, that Mr. Jamineaux's friends applied to Government for a pension for him of 500*l.* per annum, which has been refused. The same person adds, that his health is in so bad a state that it is hardly expected he can live through the winter. Except the place be secured for me *now*, there is a chance of my still being *made a Mahometan*, I mean of my being sent to Barbary. Algiers is once more vacant. Mr. Baynton died there the 1st of last month. There is no comparison betwixt that place and Naples, that is, in point of resources and *agrémens*, and yet I cannot refuse it if offered. Beggars are not to choose.

"I write with freedom to you. Should this letter contain any wish of mine improper to be communicated to his Grace, pray suppress it. I shall not write to trouble the Duke about this matter, persuaded as I am that I shall not be forgot when his good offices can advance my service, though I already lie under great obligations to this noble and generous patron. No hand is so forward to water as that which has planted.

"My humble and best respects, if you please, to his Grace, Lord Percy, and Lord and Lady Algernon, Mrs.

Percy, and all your amiable family. Lord Algernon I hope keeps well. Our company here is not yet numerous, but is reinforced daily; Mr. Yorke's, a Yorkshire family from the neighbourhood of Richmond, came early. Sir Horace and Lady Lucy Mann arrived last week from Florence, Lady Lucy in a very weak state. Lord and Lady Drogheda came on Sunday last. There are half a dozen more invalids here, and a good many expected, in the number of whom is Lord Polworth. With sincere sentiments of esteem and regard, I am, dear Sir, your obliged and faithful servant,

NATH. DAVISON.

"Please to remember me kindly to Mr. Revely,* and Mr. Mitford† if you chance to meet with him."

"DEAR SIR,

Bath, 19th Nov. 1778.

"I beg to thank you for the obliging letter you wrote to me of the 5th inst. and to convey my warmest congratulations on your promotion to the deanery of Carlisle. You do me justice in thinking it would give me pleasure, which I shall ever feel on the advancement of your welfare and happiness in life. I do not give up hopes of paying my respects to you sometime or other at your deanery, and repeating my acknowledgments for the many friendly offices you have done me in the course of a pretty long acquaintance. Your noble patron and mine, I am happy to tell you, looks as well as I ever saw him. I had the honour to dine with his Grace since he came here. It was then I learnt (from Mr. Dutens) of your promotion. Both the friend I accompanied to this place and myself are the better for the waters, which we shall continue drinking some little time longer. We had a delightful tour about six weeks ago into South Wales, and in our way saw one of the noblest situations I ever met with—Piersfield, near Chepstow, the seat of Mr. Morris, Governor of St. Vincent's. They say he is a good deal of a philosopher, which is a happy circumstance, as I understand he is reduced by play (if a thing so serious deserves the name) to the cruel necessity of parting

* Mr. Revely was in the household of the Duke of Northumberland. He made a valuable Collection of Prints and Drawings of the Old Masters, which are in the possession of Mr. G. Revely. Mr. F. Greene of Ipswich published, a few years since, a MS. work of the Revelys on the Style of the Old Masters in Drawings. The Mitford and the Revely families are related by marriage.—J.M.

† William Mitford, esq. author of the History of Greece.—J. M.

with what I think the most beautiful and picturesque spot in the island of Great Britain.

“My poor eldest brother died at Alnwick a few weeks ago. The youngest died in the beginning of the year. I have written to America, to my only remaining brother, a surgeon in the navy, who is heir to the family estate, and who, I doubt not, will come home directly, as it cannot now be an object to him to remain in the Bedford till she be ordered to England.

“The Viscount du Barry was killed yesterday morning by Mr. or Count Rice, a friend who lived with him. They went very early to the Down with their seconds and a surgeon in the same coach, and had the constancy to remain three hours on the ground waiting for daylight, that they might be enabled the more effectually to do the business they went out upon. It was soon over. Du Barry fell at the first fire, having lodged his ball at the same time so securely in his antagonist's thigh that it is not yet extracted. The reports of the cause of this quarrel are various. It would be idle, even if it was possible, to repeat them all. Some say it was religion, which is very unlikely; others, jealousy, which is hardly more credible, when one considers that it is a most un-Frenchman-like passion. I must leave time to discover what, after all, may not be worth knowing. It appears equally strange and lamentable that honour's wounds are sometimes only to be healed up when humanity bleeds.

“I am yet to learn the time of my departure for Barbary, which I have not yet expressed any impatience about. I shall know more of the matter when I get to town. I am, with a thousand good wishes to you, Mrs. Percy and family, dear Sir, your ever obedient and faithful servant,

NATH. DAVISON.

“P.S. Du Barry's lady and her sister are here. Their situation must be terrible. The Viscount and his lady have been figuring away at all the gay parties since they came, and kept a kind of open house, with tables plentifully furnished with victuals and cards—food for the hungry and idle. Rice, I understand, is an Irishman, (but I am not clear in this particular,) who has lived much abroad, and picked up a title in his travels.

“The seconds have thought it prudent to take themselves out of the way.”

Rev. T. WARTON* to Dr. PERCY.

"DEAR SIR, Trinity College, Oxford, Jan. 11, 1778.

"I beg the favour of you to send me a small *notitia* of the Duke of Orleans,† who wrote French sonnets, preserved in the British Museum—the state and condition of the manuscript, and merit of the pieces—his age and character, &c. I think he has some English poetry, but not legible. I have affirmed that no French sonnets are equal to Gower's, even by the French themselves. From my short stay in town I had not time to examine in the Museum. Yours very sincerely, T. WARTON."

Rev. Dr. FARMER‡ to Dr. PERCY.

"MY DEAR DOCTOR, Emanuel College, Jan. 12th, 1778.

"You would have been long before now troubled with my black letter had any thing occurred worthy the impression. The Catalogue of Graduates which you ask after is at present with its owner, Dr. Richardson, in Great Russell Street, who will, I am sure, give you leave to search for the Wilsons at your leisure. If any thing falls in my way you shall hear of it.

"I thank you for the Border History, which, to my shame, is more than I have done Mr. Steevens for Sir John Hawkins. Pray tell him I shall insist upon paying for it. I have not written to him, as I have not a moment at present to give to his assistance. Indeed a complication of business totally overwhelms my spirits.

"You frequently remind me of the money matters between us. It so happens that I shall be obliged to draw hard upon my banker before the end of the month for the University audit. Should it be convenient to pay the 40*l.* to Mr. Beecroft within that time, it may be singularly useful (for I know not what pupils' bills may come

* Of Rev. Thomas Warton see memoirs in Lit. Anecdotes, vol. VI. pp. 175—185; vol. VII. 455, 707; Literary Illustrations, General Index.

† For an account of Charles Duke of Orleans, and his poetry, by Mr. Mitford, see Gentleman's Magazine for May 1842, pp. 459—472; in a Review of his "Poems written in English, during his captivity in England, after the Battle of Agincourt." Sir Henry Ellis discovered the volume among the Harleian MSS. and the poems were printed by Mr. Watson Taylor for the Roxburghe Club in 1827.

‡ Of Dr. Farmer see memoir in Lit. Anecdotes, vol. II. 618—649; vol. VII. 132, 564; Literary Illustrations, General Index.

in), and, should you wish it, I will replace it in your hands as soon as may be.

“Happy new year to all the family.

“Yours affectionately, R. FARMER.”

Dr. PORTEUS,* Bp. of Chester, to the Rev. Dr. PERCY.

“DEAR SIR,

Nov. 5, 1778.

“If you will give me as early notice as you can of Lord North’s levee, I will very readily attend you there at the proper hour, although I have had so very little intercourse with his Lordship (having never been in his house nor exchanged a word with him till he notified to me my late promotion) that I very much question whether he will recollect my face again. However, I will some how or other first introduce myself and then you to him, if you do not think of any more powerful friend to go with you (for I do not conceive a Bishop to be necessary), who would carry more weight with him than your faithful and obedient servant,

B. CHESTER.

1779.

A letter from Dean Percy to the Rev. Thomas Maurice,† dated Sept. 5, 1779, acknowledging the honour done him in Mr. Maurice’s poem of “Netherby,” is printed in *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VI. p. 565.

Mr. DUTENS‡ to Dr. PERCY.

“Monday Morning [No date].

“Mr. Dutens presents his compliments to Dr. Percy, and finding that Elmsly has no more copy of the continuation of *Don Quixote*, begs his acceptance of this duplicate of his, which he had destined for the country.

“He also sends him a note of references to the places of his *Dissertations* where Mr. Swinton is mentioned.

“To improve the hint dropped last night about Dr.

* Of Bishop Porteus see an excellent memoir in *Chalmers’s Biographical Dictionary*; also notices in *Literary Anecdotes*, VII. 331, 665; *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. p. 490.

† The Rev. Thomas Maurice died March 30, 1824. See memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* vol. XCIV. i. p. 467. Also notices in *Literary Anecdotes*, VII. 258.

‡ The Rev. Lewis Dutens died May 23, 1812. See memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* vol. LXXXII. ii. p. 197, and a fuller account, abridged from his own “*Memoires d’un Voyageur*,” in the same volume, pp. 391—397. See also notices in *Literary Anecdotes*, VII. 119, 557.

Percy's parting with his Portuguese and Spanish romances and novels in favour of Mr. Dutens, he begs leave to mention that in case it comes to a conclusion, Mr. Dutens desires to allow ten guineas for *Tirante el blanco*, and the full of the value of every other, binding and all, as Dr. Percy shall mention."

1780.

MR. LIONEL CHARLTON* to DR. PERCY.

"DEAR SIR,

Whitby, Jan. 3, 1780.

"The great hurry of business I have always been in since the recovery of my health is the only reason of my not answering sooner your very obliging letter of October 26th; surveying of land, measuring of houses, and my school, have hardly left me a moment to call my own for these four months last past. Among several surveys that I have made is the family estate of the Percys at Dunsley, of which I think it will not be disagreeable to give you the following account.

"The Manor of Dunsley contains about 600 acres of inclosed land, besides 777 acres which lie yet in moor. Sir John Sheffield, as a descendant from the Duke of Buckingham, now possesses 342 acres of this inclosed land, and it is that which I have lately been surveying. As for the town of Dunsley, it contains no more at present than ten or twelve dwelling-houses; and in the middle of the town street (or rather market-place) are yet to be seen the ruins of the chapel which formerly stood there; but, as the inhabitants have now a stone quarry close adjoining to it, human bones are frequently dug up there, which, in my opinion, is a kind of profanation of a place that was formerly sacred, no ways decent to be seen in a Christian country. On the south-east part of the town the traces of the Percy seat are yet to be seen, but entirely in ruins. On the north side of the town stands a part of the house wherein Lord Fairfax formerly lived in the time of the Great Rebellion, it being now the property of a very sensible and worthy freeholder called Corner. As for the hermitage, it is situate north-west from Dunsley, near Thordisa Beck, almost surrounded with wood, and now but

* Mr. Charlton died May 16, 1788. See memoir in *Literary Illustrations*, vol. III. p. 783.

little known.* It is on the south side of the beck, but its vicinity to Mulgrave Castle, which stands on the north side thereof, gained it the appellation of the Hermitage at Mulgrave. From Dunsley we have a fine prospect of Dunsley Bay, but still a much finer prospect thereof from a place called Auldeby, which is about a mile further west up into the country, and adjoins the Horse Croft, on the north-west part of the manor of Dunsley. Here art seems to have been joined to nature to form a place fit for the reception of some branch of the royal family in the days of Edwin the Northumbrian king. Its yet retaining the same name with the palace of that monarch, seems a strong argument in favour of what I now assert; I cannot help thinking Prince Hererick once lived there, and that it was the birth-place of Lady Hylda, being on the utmost extremity of Dunsley manor, not quite a mile distant from the well that yet retains her name, near Swarthow Cross, and no more than five or six miles from that other well which also bears her name in Hilderwell churchyard.

"As for my History,† I have been able to get no intelligence about it since 50 copies thereof were delivered to my bookseller Robinson, in Paternoster Row. I am in doubt whether all the subscribers have been served in and about London, though I wrote to him immediately after I received yours, to acquaint him where each book was to be delivered, and desired him to inform me what he had done; but he never took the least notice of my letter, notwithstanding all his fair promises while the History was publishing, and notwithstanding his being the sole vender thereof in London. I am very sorry I ever had any concern with him, and have now employed a gentleman in London to set matters to rights if he find it practicable.

"In my next I propose sending you an exact copy of one of our old Abbey Rolls, containing a particular account, at the time it was wrote, of all the yearly revenues of our abbey, which I think is a great curiosity. In the meanwhile, with desiring to hear from you when opportunity permits, and wishing you the compliments of the season, I remain, with the most sincere respect, Sir, your obliged humble servant,
LIONEL CHARLTON."

* See Charlton's History of Whitby, p. 65; Ord's History of Cleveland, p. 312.

† The History of Whitby.

RICHARD CUMBERLAND,* Esq. to AMBROSE
ISTED,† Esq.

“MY DEAR FRIEND, Madrid, 23rd August, 1780.

“In the course of four months, which have elapsed since I left England, a variety of adventures have befallen us, which would be much too long a recital for a letter, but will, I hope, some time or other, serve to pass a pleasant hour over a cheerful fire in your circle at Ecton. Thoughts like this are the chief support of my labours and my sufferings, of both which I have had an ample portion. The last month has been passed under the hands of my surgeons, with a fractured arm, accompanied with a bruise so considerable as to menace a mortification two several times (the last of which attacks I am just recovering from) owing to some hot fomentations which were injudiciously applied. These are serious symptoms in a climate where the heat has been greater than ever was remembered, the thermometer standing at above 90° through the night. My blow proceeded from a fall I got from my mule upon a very hard road, and I apprehend I shall never perfectly recover the use of my arm, but am well content to have it an appendage to my body at any rate. My writing convinces you it is fortunately on the left side, so that I am able to resume my function with my right hand, which truly has full employ.

“The business I have engaged in owes its birth and concoction entirely to myself and the Abbé Hussey, who is in my house with me. If I am happy enough to bring it to a completion (which I by no means despair of), I shall be blest in the reflection of having served my country and conducted an undertaking to its issue, of which all mankind who knew it have been in absolute despair.

“As for my life, if it serves this purpose, I shall resign it with gratitude to the Giver, and trust my family to the protection of the Government I have served. In the mean time I have never for a moment lost my spirits or my confidence, and am going, as soon as my surgeons give leave, to San Ildefonso, where the court now resides.

“The dear women who are my companions have passed their time tolerably, and it has been my good fortune to lodge them most commodiously and at their ease.

“Let me now hope for a good account of your health,

* Of Mr. Cumberland see vol. VII. p. 525.

† Mr. Isted died in May, 1781.

and let me beg you will be assured on my part of the sincerest affection and esteem for you, Mrs. Isted, and your circle. I shall consider it as a great favour if you will give me a line, under cover, to the Honourable Mr. Walpole, his Britannic Majesty's Envoy at Lisbon.

"Pray remember me to the good folks at Dallington and Northampton when an opportunity serves. I will persuade myself we shall live to meet once again over a glass of old hock, and as my dear friend Mrs. Isted is not like my dame (who is now within a few days of her time) I shall enter your doors without apprehending any ill consequences from the vision of an anatomy, which at present is my case. No dried monkey can exceed your poor weather-beaten friend in colour and corporation; but my heart is whole, and with truth I can add most warmly and most truly yours,

R. CUMBERLAND."

Dr. EKINS * to Dr. PERCY.

"SIR,

June 21, 1781.

"I am obliged to you for the particulars relating to the deanery of Carlisle, which were communicated to me in

* The Rev. Jeffery Ekins, D.D. died at Parsons Green, Fulham, Nov. 20, 1791. He was educated at Eton and at King's College, Cambridge; B.A. 1755, M.A. 1758, D.D. 1781. He held successively the rectories of Quainton in Bucks, Sedgfield in Durham, and Morpeth in Northumberland. He was tutor to the Earl of Carlisle, and his lordship, when Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, would have him made an Irish bishop, had he not preferred the deanery of Carlisle, when Bishop Percy was promoted to the bishoprick of Dromore.

Dr. Ekins published, in 1771, a translation of the "Loves of Medea and Jason, from Apollonius Rhodius," in 4to. which possesses great merit. Mr. Cumberland, in his "Memoirs," thus mentions his intimacy with this family: "I was also, at this time, in habits of the most intimate friendship with two young men of my own age, sons of a worthy clergyman in our neighbourhood, the Rev. Mr. Ekins. Jeffery, the elder, now deceased, was Dean of Carlisle and Rector of Morpeth; John, the younger, is yet living, and Dean of Salisbury. Few men have been more fortunate in life than these brothers; fewer still have probably so well deserved their good success. With the elder of these my intimacy was the greatest; the same passion for poetry possessed us both, the same attachment to the drama: our respective families indulged us in our propensities, and were mutually amused with our domestic exhibition. My friend Jeffery was in my family, as I was in his, an inmate ever welcome; his genius was quick and brilliant, his temper sweet, and his nature mild and gentle in the extreme: I loved him as a brother; we never had the slightest jar; nor can I recollect the moment in our lives that ever gave occasion of offence to either. Our destinations separated us in the more advanced period of our time; his duties drew him to a distance from the scenes I was engaged in; his lot was prosperous and placid, and well for him it was, for he was not made to combat with the storms of life. In early youth, long before he took orders, he composed a drama of an allegorical cast, which he entitled, 'Florio; or, the Pursuit of Happiness.' There was a great deal of fancy in it; and I wrote a Comment upon it, almost as long as the Drama itself, which I sent to him as a mark of my admiration of his genius, and my affection for his person."

confidence by the Bishop of Killaloe.* I have since received a letter from Mr. Hatsell, informing me that you are desirous of entering *now* into some conditional agreement with me for an exchange of preferment, if I can procure your recommendation to some bishoprick that may become vacant in Ireland. I have consulted Lord Carlisle upon this subject, and have the satisfaction of assuring you that, from the respectable opinion his Lordship entertains of your character, you could not fail of being very acceptable to him. I wish therefore, as you do, to be direct and explicit in this negotiation, and am willing to take your deanery in exchange, if either the bishopricks of Down, Waterford, Clonfert, Ferns, Dromore, Killaloe, Killala, or Ossory, should fall to my lot. This is a proposal which will make any future mediation between us unnecessary. If you wish to be informed of the value of any of the above-named bishopricks, I will send you the reputed and, as nearly as I am able, the real value of them, as I cannot have access to any official intelligence. But I believe I may venture to assert that none of them are under two thousand pounds per year.

“The value of this preferment being so considerable, I presume you would not be unwilling, if it is in your power, to procure Lord Carlisle the presentation to any living or livings which you may now hold, and would resign upon your removal to Ireland. I suggest this in perfect ignorance of the value of any parochial preferment of which you may be at present possessed: but, whatever it is, it may be of service to Lord Carlisle when it can be no longer so to you. I hope therefore that this proposal will appear in no respect unreasonable to you.

“I will beg the favour of your answer, whenever it suits your convenience, directed to me under cover to his Excellency the Earl of Carlisle, &c. &c. &c., The Castle, Dublin. The correspondence which passes between us upon this subject will be communicated to no other person. I will beg the favour of you to let me know the necessary residence required at Carlisle, and to give me any other intelligence that you think might be useful to me, if the exchange should take place.

“I am, &c. &c. JEFF. EKINS.”

* Dr. Thomas Bernard, Bishop of Killaloe 1780; translated to Limerick 1794. Died June 7, 1806. See *Gent. Mag.* LXXVI. 588.

Sir JOHN TALBOT DILLON * to Dr. PERCY.

"REV. SIR, Birmingham, June 21, 1781.

"I am greatly obliged to you for the favour of your kind letter, with the annexed notes on my quarto volume. Should you have done me the honour to have purchased that work, or if in the possession of any of the Percy family, do me the favour to make the following corrections, which accidentally escaped the press at the time.

"Page 86, line 23, end of May *read* end of June.

"Page 312, line 17, and 311, line 5 ; *for* Mediterranean *read* ocean : the same being properly laid down on the map.

"Page 422, line 22, *for* brother *read* son.

"I am preparing a new edition of the Spanish Poets, with a variety of anecdotes relating to those poets who graced the age of Charles the Fifth, and served to illustrate the historic page. Permit me, dear sir, to request the continuance of your protection and friendship. I hope this will find you safe arrived, and in good health, at the deanery, where I should be very happy in the pleasure of paying you my respects, but banished as I am to this dull place, les plaisirs, hélas ! ne font plus mon partage.

"I have the honour to be, with great respect, rev. and dear Sir, your most obliged and obedient humble servant,

"JOHN TALBOT DILLON."

"REV. AND DEAR SIR, Birmingham, July 21, 1781.

"Will you forgive me if I break in upon your time for a few minutes. I suppose you have received Mr. Bowle's Spanish Quixote, in which the ingenious editor has done me more honour than I deserve. I wish, however, in his notes he had been more diffuse in his historical anecdotes, and less so with respect to mere explanations of words, particularly the most common ones, such as *desocupado*,

* Sir John Talbot Dillon. He was created a Baron of the Holy Roman Empire in 1782, by the Emperor Joseph ; and a Baronet, July 31, 1801. He was a Member of the Royal Irish Academy. He died at Dublin about Nov. 1805 (See Gent. Mag. 1805, 878). He published : 1. "Travels in Spain, 1780," 4to. (Monthly Rev. lxiv. 45.)—2. "Letters from an English Traveller in Spain in 1778," 8vo. 1781. (M. R. lxvii. 71.)—3. "Sketches on the Art of Painting," 8vo. 1782. (M. R. lxvii. 393.)—4. "Political Survey of the Sacred Roman Empire," 8vo. 1782. (M. R. lxviii. 58.)—5. "History of the Reign of Peter the Cruel, King of Castile and Leon," 2 vols. 8vo. 1788. (M. R. i. 185.)—6. "Memoir of the Revolution in France in 1789," 4to. 1790. (M. R. x. 84.)—7. "Foreign Agriculture; or, an Essay on the advantages of Oxen for Tillage in competition with Horses;" translated from the French of Chev. de Monray, with notes, 8vo. 1786.

and many others totally unnecessary in a living language. I have been reading over Barrington's "Miscellanies;" amongst the Spanish papers there are several words I think inaccurately translated. If you will give me leave, I will send you my remarks thereon, such as they are.

"May I now, dear Sir, claim your indulgence and protection on a literary subject? I have just drawn out a Succinct View of the Sacred Roman Empire, and Historical Abridgment of the Germanic Body, collected from the best authorities, as well as the result of many years' inquiry and study, when I had the honour to be in the Imperial service, the whole reduced to a single volume, as much as an Englishman need to know or would wish to be informed of, supposing the illustrious chief of the empire should visit us. Now, sir, if through your patronage I could have the honour of inscribing it to his Grace the Duke of Northumberland, you would make me extremely happy in procuring me this opportunity of offering this small token of my profound respect for his Grace and his illustrious house, for which favour I shall ever retain the most grateful acknowledgements. This book will appear very soon, decorated with an elegant portrait of Joseph II.; the title, more or less, as at foot. Though in my commercial occupations I have very limited prospects, very much so at present, I endeavour to occupy my mind and time with literary pursuits. Sensible as I am of Lord Algernon Percy's kind promises to speak to the noble Duke his father in my behalf, my silence in not troubling his lordship with letters, as well as my behaviour and prudence on a late occasion, I hope will evince my spirit of retirement. The rest I shall treasure up in silence, if no opportunity offers of moving out of my humble track, and only break it to assure you of my most fervent thanks. When I reflect on the liberal mind of the Dean of Carlisle, the guardian of religion and virtue, and the protector of learning, I hope I need not renew my apologies for the present intrusion, and be permitted to subscribe myself, with the greatest respect, rev. and dear Sir, your most obedient and most humble servant,

JOHN TALBOT DILLON."

"*Title intended.*—A Succinct View of the Sacred Roman Empire, with the Names and Titles of the Electors, Princes, Counts, Free Cities, and other Members of the Germanic

Body, with historical observations, by John Talbot Dillon, &c.; to which is added the present Military Establishment of his Imperial Majesty, Joseph II. one vol. 8vo."

"DEAR SIR,

Birmingham, August 22, 1781.

"I beg leave to return my earliest thanks for the honour of your very kind letter and favour done me in the application to the Duke of Northumberland; and, though it has not been successful for the reasons you mention, I am equally indebted, my dear Sir, for your readiness to oblige me as far as depended on yourself, and I further request you will please to accept of my apologies for having taken this liberty and given you so much trouble. In tracing even the outlines of the Western Empire as founded by Charlemagne, I perceived myself animated with the subject, and had conceived an idea of pleasure in dedicating it to so distinguished a British prince, who has continued the renowned line of Percy, who in the female line have the high honour of descending from that illustrious Emperor.

"With every grateful return for the many kind expressions from yourself, I beg leave to add the high sense I shall always preserve of them, being, with the greatest respect, dear Sir, your most obliged and obedient humble servant,

JOHN TALBOT DILLON.

"P.S. I shall be extremely obliged to you for your kind remembrance of me when you see Lord Algernon Percy. I shall always be happy to receive any commands of yours here, and for that purpose pray do not think of troubling any of your friends for a frank.

"While I am closing this letter I have just received a letter from Madrid, dated August 2d, advising that 'the expedition that got into the Straits the 24th ultimo reached to Mahon; which it is thought is its destiny,' and where I hope they will meet with a proper reception."

REV. CLAYTON MORDAUNT CRACHERODE to Dr. PERCY.

"DEAR SIR,

Queen's Square, Dec. 6, 1781.

"I received on Monday evening the favour of your letter, and on the following morning I repaired to Christie's

in search of vertu for the decanal chimney-piece. I am sorry to add that my search was fruitless, and that, having carefully examined the furniture of the auction room, I retired without doing the least injury to your finances. It appeared to me that the collection was chiefly made up of broken sets from the old repository in Soho. These were distributed for the most part in lots of five and seven pieces, each lot comprehending a single piece for the centre, of tolerable size and dimensions. I could nowhere fix my eyes upon a pair of vases which I could purchase with a safe conscience as fit for your purpose. I hope the disappointment, if it be one, will sit lightly upon you; and that the present winter will afford a more favourable opportunity of acquiring suitable ornaments to accompany your Bacchus.

“Dr. Ferguson’s peremptory denial of the recital of Earse poetry had not escaped my notice; and I did suppose that it might probably draw some reply from you. I have now in my hands an answer to Mr. Shaw, written with great bitterness by a Mr. Clark, of Edinburgh. In this pamphlet the denial is repeated by the joint authority of Professor Ferguson and Dr. Blair, and this note is subjoined by the author:—“If Mr. Shaw wishes to clear himself of this direct charge of writing a falsehood, he may apply to Dr. Percy, the respectable Dean of Carlisle, for his authority to contradict it in public.” I sincerely hope that your part* in this squabble may be short, and that you may abstain as much as possible from mixing with these angry men, who, if I may judge from the specimen before me, will manage the controversy with very little temper or liberality.

“Your attention being now fixed on Ossian, you will perhaps have but small leisure to think of Rowley. Mr. Bryant has given us two volumes on the Bristol Poems, written with his usual learning and ability. We expect the Dean’s† work next week. You are not mentioned in the eighteenpenny pamphlet, but the author or editor of it has treated our friend T.‡ rudely. It is a dull uninteresting performance.

* Three Advertisements relative to what passed with regard to the Earse poetry in the presence of Dr. Percy appeared in the Gentleman’s Magazine for 1781; the first signed Adam Ferguson; the second, W. Shaw; the third, T. Percy. They are reprinted (with an introductory private letter from Dr. Percy to Mr. Nichols) in *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VI. pp. 567-569.

† Dean Milles.

‡ Tyrwhitt.

"I must not forget to thank you for a very obliging letter which I received in the course of the summer, and which I transmitted to Mr. Mason. I have not seen him since that time, but I hear that he is very much satisfied with the information you have given him.

"I am, with great regard, dear Sir, your most faithful humble servant,

"C. CRACHERODE."*

1781 and 1782.

The Earl of HARDWICKE to Dr. PERCY.

"DEAR SIR,

Wrest, Aug. 13, 1781.

"I partly write to you at random, but presume if you are not at Alnwick that my letter will find its way to you from thence. You forgot (I think) to let me know who were to work up your notes or memoranda for the new edition of the Tatlers, &c.; for my part I know no anecdotes about them, but what are *in ore omnium*. The Tatlers have most personalities, the Spectators very few, the Guardians some, when Steele grew more political than his friend Addison wished. Budgell relates two or three in his odd letter to Ulrick d'Ipres, a political tract, which has a spice of insanity in it.

"Those works had a great effect in improving the taste and polishing the manners of the time. Their authors had weight which few men of the present set have. The republic of letters is become anarchical,—a body without a head, pretty much like the *resp. politica*. Have you ever run over Dr. Johnson's Lives of the Poets? I dislike much more than I approve in them, particularly his spiteful and unjust treatment of Lord Lyttelton. I have been ready more than once to take up the *pen* myself, but that the insolent style of the author rather deserves the *cudgel*.

"We are to have, I hear, when our Antiquarian Society resumes its meetings in the winter, the engraving of the other Windsor picture delivered to the subscribers, of the Landing of Henry the Eighth at Calais.

* An account of the Rev. Clayton Mordaunt Cracherode will be found in Literary Anecdotes, vol IX. pp. 666, 667. Also notices in vol. VII. pp. 97, 544. He died April 6, 1799, aged 68. See also Literary Illustrations, General Index.

"Should this find you at Alnwick Castle, I beg my most respectful compliments may be tendered to his Grace, with my best wishes for his health.

"I am, dear Mr. Dean, your faithful humble servant,
"HARDWICKE."

"SIR,

Bath, December 24, 1781.

"I have many thanks to return for your friendly favour and kind congratulations on my grandson's birth. We none of us can pass through this world without getting into controversy of some sort or other, and I know few who will stand on better ground than yourself. It is impossible that your memory should fail you on so singular an incident as that which happened to you at Edinburgh, particularly as it is confirmed by the notes you took at the time. What say you (Mr. Dean) to the controversy now raised in support of old Rowley? Mr. Bryant's Octavo will soon be followed by Dr. Milles's Quarto. Without pretending to decide, I am a good deal staggered by some of the arguments advanced by the former. He has confirmed the authenticity of many persons named and facts alluded to in the poems from very old and undoubted documents, and, at least, made the point very dubious.

"I find the Duke of Northumberland here, and have the pleasure to see his Grace sometimes, and to see him on the mending hand. He was particularly so last night. I am here myself for a weakness in my knees, for which the pump is recommended. The place is full; but, as my acquaintance is not extensive, I yet know but few people. It is much improved in size and magnificence.

"I hope I shall have the pleasure to talk over these subjects with you after Christmas; and believe me,

"Dear Sir,

"Your faithful humble servant,

"HARDWICKE."

"MY LORD,

Margate, July 29th, 1782.

"This letter is only meant as a how-d'ye, to hope you enjoy health, and are comfortably settled in your new situation; having no maps here, I hardly know where you see lies, and who is your spiritual chief.

"I doubt Ireland is too replenished with political topics at present to abound in literary news. I must confess the wisdom of these times is greatly beyond me, and,

therefore, I shall not touch upon it. I may be allowed to understand something of the past, but these are to me unintelligible. I am here only to brace up with some sea-bathing, but shall leave the place (which I find rather inconvenient) in a few days. I hear the Duke of Northumberland is at Alnwick. I had the honour of seeing him twice or thrice in town, and thought him rather broken, though always very obliging to me. I sincerely wish his Grace, and the other grandees of Westminster, had supported Lord Hood strenuously; I had my own tradesmen sounded, and am convinced there was a general disposition to have elected him, which would have put an end to the domineering mobocracy of the Westminster Committee.

"We have various reports about the combined fleets; the last edition is, that they are returned to their own ports; the Admiralty articles mention only captures of insignificant privateers, and pass this material subject over in silence. Mr. Fitz Herbert* is removed from Brussels to Paris, vice Mr. Grenville;† the change is much for the better. The latter came over as soon as he heard of his friend, Mr. Fox's, resignation. I am, with great regard,

"Your Lordship's most faithful and obedient servant,

"HARDWICKE."

1782.

Rev. Dr. TREADWAY RUSSELL NASH ‡ to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD, Beverly, July 25, 1782.

"I return you many thanks for your obliging letter, which I did not receive till a few days ago, though dated June 3rd; otherwise I should not have been so tardy in making my acknowledgements. I rejoice extremely in your prospect of future happiness. The Irish are certainly a polite, hospitable people; but there is about them a kind of etourderie, which sometimes surprises. Your Lordship, who carries with you all the ingredients for pleasing, will, I doubt not, be received in the manner you deserve, and find agreeable neighbours, to whatever bishoprick you shall be translated.

* Alleyne Fitz Herbert, created Baron St. Helen's, of Ireland, 1791, and Baron St. Helen's, in the Isle of Wight, 1801. He died Feb. 10, 1839, in his 86th year. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* vol. XI. p. 429.

† Hon. Thomas Grenville. He died Dec. 17, 1846. See a memoir in *Gent. Mag.* vol. XXVII. 197.

‡ Dr. Nash died Jan. 26, 1811, in his 86th year. See memoir of him in *Literary Anecdotes*, VIII. 103—108; VII. 282, 635. Also a Portrait and a series of his Correspondence in *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VI. pp. 344—352.

"I hope all jealousies and heartburnings towards this country are now subsided, and that your Lordship will be an instrument of peace and harmony; it certainly is for the interest of both parties it should be so, and, as our arrogance and insolence is now subsided, perhaps your countrymen, I mean the Irish, will show their wisdom by moderation.

"The Irish will have a very bad opinion of our politics by changing their Lord Lieutenant so often; indeed our politics seem in a bad train, nor will they be better until our ministers have more regard for the public, and less for themselves.

"I have heard, but from no kind of authority, and therefore only mention it as a query, that your new arrangements are settled. Lord Temple Lord Lieutenant, a Mr. Burke the new archbishop, and Mr. Law the new bishop; there is a bishop I had much rather have named for the new archbishop, but hope he waits for the highest honours in the Church, and am sure he would fill them with credit to himself, and to those who named him; I mean a Dr. Percy, lately appointed to the see of Dromore.

"As to literary matters, there seems to be a great stagnation. Our friend Pennant has just published a Journey to London; his motto should be 'He that runneth may read,' or rather, 'He that runneth may write.' If he continues at this rate, he will soon equal Prynne, who, I think, is said to have wrote a sheet for every day of his life, and somewhat more than *nulla dies sine linea*. I am sorry when real great men, such as Bryant, Tyrwhitt, not to mention our President Milles, become Rowleists and anti-Rowleists; though really some of our saints of old employed themselves in matters of not much consequence, though they fancied religion was concerned in them; but, you know, this was in the decline of literature, as well as of empire. Do you rescue the present age from the reflection, and let not, my Lord, the episcopal function totally engross your attention. Pardon this zeal in an humble vicar; it is a time when every sailor must lend his hand, and, I fear, that will not be sufficient to rescue the ship from destruction,—*O navis referent*, &c.

"I saw Cleiveland* yesterday, who desired his respects to your Lordship. Mr. Bromley and all your friends in this country are well.

* Rev. W. Cleiveland. See p. 28.

"I am, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient and obliged humble servant,
T. NASH."

"MY LORD,

Bever, December 7, 1782.

"I cannot help taking up my pen to condole with your Lordship on the illness of your son, and should say more on the subject, if I did not well know you were much better armed with principles of religion and philosophy than myself; the trial is great, but we will hope the best, and that a purer climate and change of air will restore him to you in perfect health, and much improved by his travels. I know several cases where young persons, in a much worse state than your son, have been perfectly cured by the method which you have taken, a method infinitely superior to the best advice, or most powerful medicines. I saw Cleiveland yesterday, who desired me to present his most respectful compliments to your Lordship, and assure you how much he suffers for the painful anxiety you must be under.

"I am ashamed to say I cannot at present find your ingenious dissertation on the Apostle's Oak; this was the occasion of my not writing sooner; it is put up safe with other papers, and, when I find it, which I doubt not will be soon, I will convey it to you very carefully. Pray when do you go to London? I shall be very happy to meet you there; and be pleased to remember that Worcestershire is the nearest way from Carlisle, and I will endeavour to suit my going to your time.

"I have seen Mr. Kenyon once or twice, and he appears a very modest, ingenious man; I heartily wish him success, and shall be happy to do him any little service in my power; I believe I may promise him the use of Blount's MS. though at present it is with Gough; I told him your obliging offer of the pedigrees, &c. which he thankfully accepted. Enclosed are his proposals, and the first number, he says, will be published soon after Christmas. He will inquire for Mr. Clarke's account of the Chapter House at Hereford, of which Mr. Kenyon has made a much more accurate drawing than that published by Captain Grose.

"Pray send me, in your next, the very rough account I sent of the Worcester Infirmary. I have some more authentic documents to insert, and then shall be much obliged to you to reduce it into some shape, together with an account I have drawn up of the Worcestershire turn-

pikes, which were some of the first erected in England, (viz. in the time of Queen Anne). These, together with some matters and corrections, I may publish one day as a Supplement.* I have lately taken a good deal of pains to ascertain how the several incumbents vacated their benefices, which inquiry will add many to the list already published; it is extraordinary in early days how few vacated them by death, but chiefly by change, resignation, or some *chopping*, often for livings of less value, often reserving to themselves an annual pension on resignation, often with the approbation of patron and bishop. I find likewise that minors were often presented to livings, coadjutors often appointed to incumbents, and many other practices which now seem totally disused.

"I have sometimes thought of the effect turnpikes have had on the manners of the people, particularly the females, who, instead of staying at home, making sweetmeats and working carpets, have now the *hardiesse* to travel one hundred miles a day by themselves, and are seldom found within their own doors.

"I beg pardon, my Lord, for thus talking an heap of nonsense to you; but your obliging encouragement makes me thus troublesome, and induces me to say what is uppermost, without rhyme or reason; but this I can say with great seriousness and truth, that my wife and daughter join me in respectful compliments, and heartiest good wishes for the health and welfare of you and yours, and that I am, with great sincerity,

"Your most obedient and obliged humble servant,

"T. NASH."

1783.

Bp. PERCY to WILLIAM SCOTT, Esq. D.C.L.†

"DEAR SIR,

Carlisle, January 16th, 1783.

"Having lately seen in the papers (which reach this place but slowly) that you had been appointed by the

* Many years after, in 1799, Dr. Nash published a Supplement to his "History of Worcestershire." See Lit. Anecdotes, VIII. 107.

† Dr. Scott was appointed, in 1787, King's Advocate, Judge of the Consistory Court of London, Vicar-General of the Province of Canterbury, and Master of the Faculties; knighted 1788; and in 1798, Judge of the High Court of Admiralty. He was created Baron Stowell, 1821; and died Jan. 28, 1836, aged 90. See a memoir of him in Gent. Mag. vol. V. p. 427. In the Gent. Mag. for July, 1836, p. 29, are some letters of Sir W. Scott to Dr. Thomas Warton, and his Brother Dr. Joseph Warton.

Archbishop of Canterbury to the office of Register to the Court of Faculties, I could not resist the pleasure of congratulating you on this tribute paid to your abilities, which, I doubt not, will seat you in the highest chair of your profession, and of expressing every good wish for your prosperity and happiness.

"At the same time, allow me to request a small favour. If you should, at the Club in Gerard Street, meet with Sir Joseph Banks, I wish you would inquire what was the fate of the hogshead of claret, which, in the month of June last, I had sent from Dublin as a small tribute of respect to the society, among whom I had spent so many agreeable hours, and concerning which I received a letter from the Dublin wine merchant about the end of October, who, at that time, had never had the least advice of its being received, and was anxious lest it should be spoiled by continuing, in the cold weather, in the King's stores unentered (not to mention the loss of the drawback, which would be incurred for want of a certificate, &c.). Upon receiving this letter, I wrote to Sir Joshua Reynolds, to beg he would make inquiry about it, but never receiving any answer, at length I got a person to call on Sir Joseph Banks himself, who wrote to me on the 14th December that he had waited on Sir Joseph.

"I am, &c.

"T. PERCY."

Dr. SCOTT to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Doctors' Commons, March 11, 1783.

"Your Lordship will undoubtedly, by this time, have set me down in the number of those unthinking people into whose hands your wine has come, without its being able to excite a single idea of the benefactor to whom we were indebted for it; and I therefore write, rather to exempt myself from that number, than with the view of giving you such information as I could wish about your benefaction. The fact is, that I have not once been at the Club since I received the honour of your letter, having had my nose kept down so close to the grindstone of business that I really have had no opportunity. Thinking it likely that that would be the case (as I received your letter just at the conclusion of the Christmas vacation, and when I had the engagements of the approaching term full in my eyes,) I wrote a note to Sir Joshua, acquainting

him that I had received a letter from your Lordship, written with some degree of anxiety about the fate of your very generous present, and requesting him either to write to you, or to enable me to do so by a little information, which I thought nobody so able to give as himself. However, he did not answer my note, and I have had some reason to fear lately that he did not write to your Lordship. It was again my intention to have gone to the Club yesterday, with a particular view of inquiring after this wine, but I was again prevented by professional engagements. I therefore sent my servant to inquire, and the account which I received is this : that the wine is received, and is in the custody of Sir Joseph Banks, whose cellars are preferred to those of the Turk's Head, for the purpose of maturing it. It has not yet, I understand, been tapped ; if it had, I dare say the gratitude of the Club would have been more active and fervent. I write this to exculpate myself from the charge of being accessory to the extreme negligence which this wine seems to have experienced. It is a negligence which, I have no doubt, the first bottle will completely wash away.

“ In this account, your Lordship will see my apology for not returning a more immediate answer. I am much indebted for your kind congratulations. We are as yet without a ruler in the State ; chaos is come again, and does not seem likely to leave us. I have the honour to be, my Lord,

“ Your Lordship's most faithful and obedient,

“ W. SCOTT.”

“ DEAR SIR,

Doctors' Commons.

“ I have to thank you for the expressions of good wishes you were so kind as to deliver to my brother respecting the contest which the partiality of my friends has engaged me in at Oxford.*

“ There is a Mr. Wilson, of Carlisle, a son, I believe, of your predecessor, who is of Merton College, and has a vote. If you could, consistently with your own ideas of propriety and convenience, write to him in my behalf, or direct any channel of application to him, you will confer a particular obligation upon, dear Sir,

“ Your most humble servant,

“ W. SCOTT.”

* This letter is undated, and it does not appear to what contest it refers.

Sir JOSHUA REYNOLDS* to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

London, Feb. 12, 1783.

"I am ashamed of not answering your Lordship's letter sooner, but I will not fill this with apologies. I spoke to Sir Joseph Banks about it, who says, that on the receipt of Mr. Trocke's letter he gave the bill of lading, which he received from Mr. Trocke, to his broker; that, on his leaving town, at the end of August, he had not received from his broker any account of the wine being arrived; that during his stay in the country, he having confidence in his broker and his broker in him, nothing passed between them concerning the wine; that Mr. Trocke's letter of September 30 was answered, not by return of the post, as Sir Joseph thought it useless, but with his first leisure. On his return to town he found the wine lodged in Mr. Colman's cellar, according to his orders, and forwarded, without delay, the certificate to Mr. Trocke.

"The wine was tasted, at the Turk's Head, the meeting before the last, and was pronounced to be good wine, but not yet fit for drinking; we have, therefore, postponed any further progress in it till next year, when, I hope, your Lordship will have an opportunity of tasting it yourself.

"I wished to have an opportunity of sending you my last Discourse, though it is scarce worth sending so many miles.

"The Club seems to flourish this year; we have had Mr. Fox, Burke, and Johnson very often. I mention those because they are, or have been, the greatest truants. Mr. Mason has at last published his translation of Fresnoy, which I would send your Lordship, with the Discourse, if I knew how.

"I beg my most respectful compliments to Mrs. Percy, and am, with the greatest respect,

"Your Lordship's most humble and most obedient servant,
JOSHUA REYNOLDS."

H. C. SELBY, Esq. to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Northumberland House, Jan. 7, 1783.

"I received the honour of your Lordship's letter when at Syon, holding his Grace's courts for that manor, after it had been sent back from Alnwick Castle, which place I left so late as the beginning of December. I do assure

* Sir Joshua Reynolds died February 23, 1792. See account and character of him in *Gent. Mag.* lxxii. 190, 381.; lxxix. 1144.; lxxxiii. part i. 232, 518; and various notices of him in *Literary Anecdotes*, VII. 368, 662.

your Lordship that nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to have had an opportunity of waiting on your Lordship and your most amiable family at the deanery, and to have paid my sincere and affectionate respects to you and them, before your departure from this kingdom; but alas! these pleasures are not at my command; my time is not my own, but totally taken up in attention to the duties of my station in his Grace's concerns; sometimes they come rather too heavy upon me, and weigh me down to the very brink of despair, which has been the case lately, owing to the multiplicity of business thrown upon me by the unfortunate death of my poor but inestimable friend, Mr. Stocken. It is with much concern I feel for the great anxiety and distress you have sustained on account of your son; I hope in God he will find immediate benefit by his voyage and change of climate, and that he will live to return to you in perfect health, and add comfort and satisfaction to all your sub-lunary enjoyments!

"I hope, by this time, that Mrs. Percy and your Lordship are perfectly recovered from your late indisposition. The Duke is not quite in health; the weather keeps him a good deal at home, and his spirits are not so good, nor his strength so firm, as I saw them in the course of the summer; his Grace seems to get more and more feeble daily,* and he finds great difficulty in writing, but more in teaching others to write for him.

"It was one of the matters which I was careful in not omitting to make mention of before I left Alnwick; I mean what your Lordship desired me to notice to young Graham, 'that you had applied to the Duke on his behalf, but without success.'

"Lady Algernon† is as well as can possibly be expected, and the young lady yet without a name thrives and is doing well. I give you joy on this addition to the Percy family. The event took place when I was out of town.

"With the sincerest and best wishes for your Lordship's and all your family's health and happiness, I have the honour to subscribe myself most entirely, my Lord,

"Your Lordship's most faithful humble servant,

"H. C. SELBY."

* Hugh first Duke of Northumberland died June 6, 1786.

† Lady Algernon Percy (afterwards Countess of Beverley), was Isabella-Susannah, 2d dau. of Peter Burrell, esq.; she died Jan. 24, 1812. "The young lady, yet without a name," was Lady Susannah-Elizabeth Percy, born Dec. 29, 1782.

Bp. BARRINGTON * to Bp. PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD, Cavendish Square, Jan. 29, 1783.

"I feel a real pleasure in obeying your commands, and cannot but entertain a hope that the inquiry is personal. When I had enjoyed the bishoprick of Landaff ten years, I struck the average, and found that it amounted to £734 per annum, net.

"Your letter to our common friend,† was conveyed to him as soon as it reached me. He has given the final blow to the authenticity of the Rowleian poems. I place his work in the same rank with those two most masterly controversial pieces of Dr. Bentley's against Collins and against Boyle. All three leave not a doubt in the mind of the reader on which side the truth lies.

"I am, my dear Lord, with true regard,

"Your most sincere and faithful servant,

"S. SARUM."

"MY DEAR LORD, Mongewell House, Nov. 26, 1783.

"Apprehensive lest your Lordship's legal business should suffer by delay, I transmit the covers by this post; though so peculiarly circumstanced as not to have it in my power to extend this letter beyond barely expressing my best thanks for yours, so replete with intelligence, both civil and ecclesiastical. May you prove well founded in your conjecture as to the issue of meetings and resolutions which, to the uninformed on this side of the water, wear the most alarming appearance. I hope the next Irish mail will bring advice of Lord B——'s insanity being arrived at such a pitch as to render confinement necessary. If our information here be accurate, such a measure seems as requisite from his moral as his civil conduct.

"Adieu, my dear Lord; accept Mrs. Barrington's compliments, and believe me, with true regard and esteem,

"Your faithful and obedient servant,

"S. SARUM."

* See memoir of Bishop Barrington, *Literary Illustrations*, vol. V. 608, and notices of him in *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. VII. pp. 23, 511.

† Thomas Tyrwhitt, Esq. He was Deputy Secretary-at-War under Lord Barrington. See hereafter, p. 220.

Mr. CHARLES PARKER to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Northumberland House, March 3, 1783.

"The inclosed, I am afraid, has been prevented coming to you so soon as it should, by some error in the delivery of the letters; it came here this day; I have had rather a hurry this evening in preparing for this post, but I could not delay the sending it as soon as it came hither.

"I have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Duke is in very good health, indeed I think he has been better this winter than for some years past, and yet, though not a severe one, the frequent changes have been such as I should have expected would have been unfavourable to him; his spirits are cheerful, his appetite good, and he has frequently the company of his friends at dinner.

"When the Lords met to consider of the Address to the King, he remained at the House to the breaking up, which was between four and five in the morning, and did not appear the next day the worse for so much fatigue.

"Lady Algernon has left England, and is now pretty far on her way; her Ladyship wrote from Paris very lately. She found the roads very bad, but was, as well as the children, in health. She expects to meet Lord Algernon before she arrives at Nice, where they mean to winter. His Lordship is quite recovered, and I find the Duke expects to see them all early the next summer. Lord and Lady Percy will be very soon in town, orders having been received for the preparing the house for them. They have been alarmed by fire; happily it was discovered in the day-time, and soon extinguished; had it been in the night, it must have been fatal; her Ladyship has not suffered by the fright.

"I was in hopes we should have seen your Lordship before this, as Mr. Allen seemed to intimate you had some such intention. The new Administration does not appear to be yet arranged; it is thought Mr. Pitt will decline accepting any share at this juncture. Mr. Selby, who desires I will make his compliments, sets off to-morrow for the North.

"I beg leave to present my best respects, and that your Lordship will be assured of the very great regard with which I have the honour to be, my Lord,

"Your Lordship's most obedient and very humble
servant,

CHAS. PARKER."

Bishop PORTEUS* to Bishop PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD,

London, March 29, 1783.

"I am happy to hear that you approve my letter to the clergy of my diocese, on the subject of Popery; for it is to that I presume you allude. The other little tract I printed is nothing more than an extract from Abp. Secker's Sermons against Popery; which are the best confutation of it in so short a compass that I ever met with.

"It will be curious to see what the effect will be of the unlimited toleration given to Popery in Ireland. In the new American Republics there is also a free toleration given to all sects of religion, which are all equally established, and none allowed to be predominant over the rest.

"We are in a very uncomfortable state here at present, with a mutinous army and a mutinous navy, and no administration. Bishop Moore goes to Canterbury; but who our new brother is to be I know not.

"I shall in the course of my Visitation this summer be within twenty miles of Carlisle, the latter end of July or beginning of August. But by that time I presume you will be gone to Dromore.

"I am, my dear Lord, your most faithful and obedient servant,

"B. CHESTER."

Bishop LOWTH† to Bishop PERCY.

"MY GOOD LORD,

London House, April 9, 1783.

"Though I was myself Bishop of St. David's, yet I cannot pretend to give you an account of the revenue of that see of my own knowledge; for I continued there but a few months, and had not time to visit the diocese. But I have procured an account upon which you may depend; it comes from the secretary of the present Bishop. He says it is upon an average above £1000 per annum. This answers pretty well to what it was formerly represented to me; for I knew I changed for the worse when I went from thence to Oxford. But it was the King's pleasure; and I made no comparison.

* See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. 490; and in this volume, p. 187.

† Bishop Lowth died Nov. 3, 1787, in his 77th year. See memoirs of him in Literary Anecdotes, vol. II. p. 419—424, and notices of him in vol. VII. pp. 238, 619. Literary Illustrations, General Index.

"You are very obliging in inquiring after my health. I am quite an invalid; I hardly ever go from home, not being able to bear the motion of my coach on the pavement. I hope to be able to bear the smooth roads in the country. And upon the whole I am much easier.

"With my best wishes of all health and happiness to you, I am, my dear Lord, your Lordship's most affectionate, humble servant,

"R. LONDON."

A letter from Bishop Percy to Mr. Allen the Printer, dated April 26, 1783, on the death of the Bishop's only son, Henry Percy, Esq.* is printed in *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VI. p. 572.

Another interesting letter from Bishop Percy to Mr. Allen, dated Dec. 28, 1783, mentioning his temporary pecuniary difficulties, on entering into his episcopacy, and in consequence of the bankruptcy of his brother, is printed in *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VI. p. 578.

The Earl of EGREMONT† to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

London, May 4, 1783.

"I had the honour of receiving your Lordship's letter, and I condole with your Lordship very sincerely upon the melancholy event which has given occasion to this correspondence. As to the business in question, I do not know of any power or obligation by which Mr. Bromwich can be obliged, or even induced to think of giving up the living of Duncton; nor do I comprehend at all upon what grounds your Lordship imagines that there can be any probability of a vacancy there.

"I am under an immediate engagement and promise to a person very nearly connected with me, for the first living which shall fall in my gift; so that if Mr. Bromwich should resign Duncton, it will not be possible for me to comply with your Lordship's request, however much I

* See vol. VII. p. 94, 101, 219.

† George O'Brien Wyndham, 3d Earl of Egremont. This distinguished nobleman and patron of art died Nov. 11, 1837, in his 86th year. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* for January 1838, p. 89.

may wish to do so. But as I see no reason which can induce him to quit his living, and as I know of no means by which he can be compelled to do it, and if I did should have no inclination to make use of them, as well upon his own account as your Lordship's, I trust that the living of Duncton must remain, as your Lordship seems to wish, in Mr. Bromwich's hands. I assure your Lordship that I should feel the greatest satisfaction in having an opportunity of obliging your Lordship, particularly when the object is to serve a young man of such promising hopes as your nephew.

"I have the honour to be, with great regard, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient humble servant,

"EGREMONT."

REV. JAMES DICKSON to Bishop PERCY.

"MY VERY GOOD LORD, Seapatrik, May 18, 1783.

"This morning's post brought me the honour of your Lordship's very condescending and obliging letter, and I have so delicate a sense of the favour, that I cannot consider myself as failing in the duties of this good day, by taking the opportunity of this night's post to make you my best acknowledgments for it. And yet the subject your Lordship writes to me upon, makes it very difficult for me to answer you, even to my own approbation and satisfaction.

"The poor of this country are at present, no doubt, in pitiable distress, from the very high price that all sorts of food now bear; and very commendable subscriptions are attempted in most, if not all, places for their relief; and I believe with such success as, by God's blessing, will bring them through, as we phrase it, till the dearth ceases. But I really can see no necessity, nor indeed propriety, in at all applying to your Lordship about it, till you come amongst us, and had time to judge what was fit for you to do; and more especially when, by many accounts I have heard, we had reason to expect that happiness in a few weeks.

"I do recollect this country in full as much distress from the same cause on several occasions; but I do not remember that there was ever any application to the Diocesan, or any contribution on his part to the several parishes of the diocese. And in your Lordship's situation and

circumstances (which are so special, that you must be two years at least in possession before you can be reimbursed the cost and expenses it unavoidably exposed you to,) to expect it from you would be very unreasonable.

"In the parish of Dromore, where you must now be considered as an inhabitant, you will no doubt be glad to contribute what becomes you, and, if you come over in a few days, you will be the best disposer of it yourself; but if you cannot come so soon, I think it would be handsome of you to direct Mr. Campble your receiver to give Mr. Maxwell twenty guineas for the use of the poor; and as to the other parishes, I cannot see any reason for your sending or promising them any thing till you are here, and abler to judge about it.

"For my own part, and consistently with the respect and high regard I have for your Lordship, I know not how to be more explicit or particular in this matter at present, but when we meet we can talk it over more fully.

"This indeed is so pleasing a prospect, and an event so earnestly wished for by Mrs. Dickson, the girls, and myself, that we are become impatient about it, and heartily request your Lordship, your good Lady, and the Misses Percy, to do us the honour of making this house your home, till you can get your own fit to receive you.

"We all lament most sincerely the heavy loss you have sustained, and join in most respectful compliments to your Lordship, and your Ladies; and I have the honour to be, my very dear Lord, your Lordship's obliged and most affectionate humble servant,

"JAMES DICKSON."

Bishop PERCY to T. J. MATHIAS,* Esq.

"The Deanery at Carlisle, June 6th, 1783.

"The Bishop of Dromore presents his best compliments to Mr. Mathias, and is much obliged to him for the very kind present of his book, which he should not have suffered to remain so long unacknowledged, but the Bishop not having been in London this spring, did not receive it from Northumberland House till last Saturday. Though the Bishop's opinion on the subject of Rowley is somewhat different from that of Mr. Mathias, he must do his

* See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 33; and General Index.

treatise the justice to acknowledge, *Si Pergama*, &c. and that Mr. Mathias has made the most of his subject. Mrs. Percy and her daughters join with the Bishop (who is returning with them to Dromore) in compliments to Mr. Mrs. and Miss Mathias.

“The Bishop avails himself of this opportunity of mentioning one thing to his friend Mr. Mathias, which, at first, he did not intend to have touched on. Though the Bishop never wrote a line on the subject of the Rowleian controversy, nor has ever given his opinion publicly, nor probably ever may, on this difficult question, yet he has had the honour to be abused as much respecting it, as if he had stood foremost in the controversy. In particular, it has been insinuated that he suppressed or destroyed the two parchment specimens sent him by Lord Dacre, or, at least, that there has been something very mysterious in his account of that transaction, &c. Such very *liberal* and *ingenuous* minds as are capable of entertaining these suspicions, may, perhaps, be allowed to enjoy their candid opinion without interruption; but to others he could wish to have it known, that nothing ever was less mysterious than his account of that affair. He received the parchments by the post, and thought them spurious (one reason for which has never been mentioned in print, a quotation in the larger parchment * was distinguished by commas—‘*thus.*’) Mr. Justice Chambers, being then with the Bishop at Alnwick Castle, and going soon to town, offered to carry and deliver them with his own hands to Lord Dacre: but, when he got to London, he could not find them, and his opinion was, that in packing up his books at Newcastle-upon-Tyne (where his mother lived) he had stuck the parchments between the leaves of some great book, in which it was unfortunately packed up, &c. This is the whole story; and this was the constant unvaried account which Mr. Justice (now Sir Robert) Chambers gave before he went to India, not only to the Bishop, but to the Honourable Daines Barrington, who went to inquire for the parchments, when the delivery was delayed, at the anxious desire of the Bishop; and to William Graves, Esq. Master in Chancery, who was employed by Lord Dacre to wait on Mr. Chambers with the same inquiry from his Lordship. Both these gentlemen are still

* “If Mr. Barrett has an exact copy of that parchment, this peculiarity will be still exhibited in it.”

living, are both men of character, and of the most easy access ; and will readily give their names that this account is true, as they have each separately assured the Bishop of Dromore. Mr. Barrington lives in the Temple, in King's Bench Walk ; and Master Graves, in Symond's Inn. And, therefore, however this controversy respecting Rowley shall be decided, let not groundless aspersions be employed on either side in support of it.

"To Thomas J. Mathias, Esq. at the Queen's Treasury
in Inner Scotland Yard."

T. J. MATHIAS, Esq. to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD, Queen's Treasury, Sept. 13, 1783.

"I am sorry that you have not had any news from Mr. Stirling relative to Mrs. Percy's receipt. Her pension of £25 was paid to that gentleman on the 1st of August last.

"I cannot say that there is any particular literary intelligence stirring at present ; if there should be any pamphlet or similar production peculiarly worthy of notice, I shall willingly transmit it to your Lordship with much pleasure, as you desire.

"I hope Mrs. and Miss Percys are in good health, to whom my mother and family desire their compliments. I am, with great truth, my Lord,

"Your most obedient humble servant,
"THOS. J. MATHIAS."

JOHN HOOLE,* Esq. to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD, 56, Great Queen Street, January 20, 1783.

"I take the liberty to trouble your Lordship in behalf of my son, to whom you have always shown particular kindness, and to mention a circumstance that has occurred, in which we have thought proper to make application to you, having every reason to believe that you are always ready to assist him with your countenance, where it can be done with propriety.

"There is now, my Lord, a vacancy for a fellowship in Dulwich College, which, upon inquiry, seems to be an eligible situation for my son, could he be so fortunate to obtain it. We cannot exactly learn the advantages attending it, but we are inclined to think that they are

* Mr. Hoole died August 2, 1803, in his 76th year. See memoirs of him and his writings in *Literary Anecdotes*, II. 404—407 ; vol. VII. 185, 595. His widow, Susanna, was buried at Poplar in 1808.

not very inconsiderable. The Society consists of a Master, Warden, and three Fellows, for whom there are good apartments and a table kept. An intimate friend of ours, who lives at Dulwich, gave us the first intelligence, and introduced my son to the members of the college, where he was well received, and had great encouragement given him. The choice, it seems, is made by the members of the college, who reduce the candidates to two, and the election of one of these is decided by lot. My son was given to understand that probably he would be one of the two to stand the lot; but he afterwards found that he was not qualified for a candidate, as not having taken a degree. Being informed that a Lambeth degree would answer every purpose, he applied to our friend Dr. Johnson, who was so kind to give him a letter to Dr. Vyse, Chaplain to his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, recommending him to use his interest with his Grace, in order to procure for my son the degree of Master of Arts.

"My son having waited on Dr. Vyse, he received him very politely; he told him, indeed, that his situation was not such as gave him a right to ask of his Grace a favour of that kind, but that he would communicate to him the letter from Dr. Johnson. My son, in conversation, taking the liberty to mention your Lordship's name, the Doctor said that, as he understood you were acquainted with the Archbishop, a letter from your Lordship to his Grace might be of singular service.

"I am therefore, my Lord, to solicit your kindness on this occasion, which will add to the other obligations received from your Lordship. I beg likewise to add, that I understand it will be proper for my son to declare himself a candidate as soon as possible, which cannot be done till he has obtained a degree.

"My son was with Dr. Vyse this morning, and was obliged afterwards to go directly to Dulwich upon this business, which he hopes will be a sufficient apology to your Lordship for not writing himself.

"We hope Mrs. Percy is well, to whom Mrs. Hoole begs her respectful compliments, as likewise to the young ladies, not forgetting our remembrances to my friend, Mr. Harry Percy, should he be at Carlisle. I am, my Lord, with great respect,

"Your Lordship's obliged and most obedient humble servant,

JOHN HOOLE."

REV. SAMUEL HOOLE* to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

London, February 20th, 1783.

"I should sooner have returned my best acknowledgments for your Lordship's most obliging letter, had I not been desirous of communicating to your Lordship, at the same time, the event of my application.

"The Archbishop, in consideration of the application made to him in my favour, but, I believe, chiefly in consequence of your Lordship's recommendation, sent for the Warden of the College, and finding that the gentlemen were desirous of choosing me, his Grace was pleased to grant me the degree. Yesterday was the day of election. I had the satisfaction to find that the Master, Warden, and Fellows all voted for me, but, as the matter was to be decided by lot, I lost it by drawing the blank paper.

"It gives me the greatest concern to hear that Mr. Percy has been so dangerously ill, and I most sincerely wish he may receive every benefit from a change of climate.

"I cannot conclude without repeating how much I am indebted to your Lordship for your very kind and flattering recommendation, and I beg your Lordship to present my respectful compliments to Mrs. Percy and the young ladies. I am, my Lord, with much respect,

"Your Lordship's most obliged and obedient servant,

"SAMUEL HOOLE.

"P.S. Mr. Swanne, and Mr. Dowell† the organist, desired me to present their respects to your Lordship."

JOHN HOOLE, Esq. to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

56, Great Queen Street, February 20, 1783.

"I beg leave, with my son, to add my acknowledgments for your Lordship's great kindness to him, as I am fully persuaded that it was chiefly owing to your very friendly and earnest recommendation that the Archbishop was induced to grant him the degree; and with this advantage, surely no inconsiderable one, we must console ourselves for having lost the fellowship; not that I believe it was a matter of much emolument, but Samuel having soon a pro-

* The Rev. Samuel Hoole married Miss Warneford, of Dorking, Dec. 8, 1803. He was appointed minister of Poplar Chapel, and published a sermon Jan. 15, 1804, on opening the chapel after its repair. He died Feb. 26, 1839, in his 82d year.

† Mr. Richard Dowell, organist of Dulwich College; patronised by Bp. Percy, by whose powerful recommendation he was elected to that office. He died March 25, 1816, aged 67. See *Gent. Mag.* LXXXVI. 375.

spect of being totally without employment, would wish to get something. His attempt for this last matter, however, furnished him with a plea to apply for the degree, for the attainment of which we must once more acknowledge our obligations to your Lordship.

“We ought, my Lord, to make many apologies for not having written before, but we waited to know the event, both of the application for the degree, and of the college election. As you have been so good to interest yourself so kindly in this business, should any future occasion occur that we wish to make application to your Lordship, you will, I flatter myself, permit me to give you that further trouble.”

“MY LORD,

Great Queen Street, February 27, 1783.

“Your Lordship obliges me greatly by your kind concern on my son’s account. I thought I had been explicit with respect to the degree, which he did obtain from the Archbishop, and without which, indeed, he would not have been qualified to stand a candidate for the fellowship of Dulwich. The expense of the degree was upwards of thirty pounds. I believe the emolument of the fellowship was but little, yet, as he has no present provision in view, it would have been something; and the situation of the place was very agreeable, as being near an intimate friend in whose family he would frequently have been. I hope, however, we shall hear of some curacy for him in town. He begs his best respects to your Lordship, and desires me to say that he will take care of your commission to Mr. Swanne.

“What your Lordship writes of Mr. Harry Percy gives us the greatest concern, but we hope that you may hear soon an account that may be better than you expect. As I am a father, I can sincerely feel for you upon the occasion, and I am sure Mrs. Hoole does the same for Mrs. Percy, to whom she begs her respects, and likewise her compliments to the young ladies. I am, my Lord, your Lordship’s obliged and most obedient servant, JOHN HOOLE”.

“MY LORD,

56, Great Queen Street, June 17, 1783.

“I take the liberty now to trouble your Lordship on my literary concerns, as I flatter myself that you have always wished to shew me your countenance, with the rest of my friends. My long work is at last brought to a

period, and sent forth into the world. Ariosto was published the 3d of this month, but perhaps the advertisement has not reached your notice. I have not yet printed the list of subscribers, because I wait for some letters from friends abroad, but, when the list can be completed, it will be printed, and delivered to the subscribers. My friends have been very kind, and have promoted my subscriptions with great warmth, but I am more singularly beholden to the gentlemen in the Company's Service in Bengal, who will make a most respectable figure in the list of my encouragers. I could have no doubt, my Lord, of your kind concurrence with my other well-wishers, but yet would not think of taking the liberty to insert the name of your Lordship to honour my work without your direct commission so to do.

"The King and Queen have honoured me with their names, and likewise the Prince of Wales. The Duke of Northumberland has done me the honour of his name, and likewise the Bishop of Kilmore. I wrote to a friend in Ireland, who has procured me several subscribers; and I shall esteem myself greatly obliged to your Lordship, for any service you may kindly render me on this occasion. As the list of my subscribers will be kept open for some time longer, it may give my friends still an opportunity of serving me, and I have found it to be the means of inducing several to take the book through my hands, instead of applying to the booksellers. I keep the copy, at present, to myself, and hope to find my account in it. I need not tell your Lordship what management is required to deal with the gentlemen in the trade, but I have found one in the business, Mr. Nicol,* in the Strand, who has managed matters for me with singular candour and liberality. I have inclosed one of my Proposals, which, I believe, your Lordship never saw. You will kindly excuse my liberty in troubling your Lordship with my affairs. I am, my Lord, your Lordship's most faithful and obedient humble servant,

JOHN HOOLE.

"P.S. Mrs. Hoole and my son join in best respects to Mrs. Percy and the young ladies."

"MY LORD,

Great Queen Street, September 22, 1783.

"We have here suffered a great loss in the death of poor Mrs. Williams, with which your Lordship has pro-

* Mr. George Nicol. See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 30.

bably been acquainted. Mr. Allen and I attended her funeral last Friday s'ennight. Her constitution had been gradually breaking for a considerable time. I had not seen her for six weeks before her death; indeed, she scarcely saw anybody but Dr. Johnson. Mrs. Hoole and I shall miss her extremely. She was a very valuable woman,—a hearty, sincere, and most intelligent friend. I have many obligations to her, and hope that I shall ever respect her memory. Dr. Johnson was out of town when she died, and did not return till last Thursday; he is much afflicted at her loss. His friends are now very anxious on his account, for his complaints are such as give us the utmost uneasiness. God grant that he may be yet preserved, for I know not a friend whose loss would so afflict me! I shall lament him as a father.

“With respect to your Lordship's question, there is nothing more than the five guineas borrowed by our poor friend, Mr. Harry Percy;* except a small fee of five shillings, which I paid for your Lordship at the Transfer Office of the India House.

“Your set of Ariosto was delivered to your servant. Mr. Bromwich's copy is not yet delivered; but any directions that may be given by your Lordship, or Mr. Bromwich, shall be punctually observed. I am, with respects to Mrs. Percy and the ladies, your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,
JOHN HOOLE.”

JOHN HELY HUTCHINSON,† Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

“MY LORD, Palmerston, near Dublin, Jan. 24, 1783.

“I beg leave to trouble your Lordship with a letter which my son has received from Mr. Shelton, a clergyman highly revered in this kingdom by all ranks of people. I also send your Lordship a nomination of Mr. Samuel Burdy‡ to a curacy in your Lordship's diocese. He is of the standing of a senior bachelor in our college, where he has always conducted himself properly, and is a good scholar. He will have his testimonium to produce under the college seal. As these are the usual requisites for ordination, I shall be much obliged to your Lordship for your letter dimissory, or a private letter from your Lordship, to his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, to ordain Mr.

* The Bishop's son. See pp. 94, 101, 210.

† See Literary Illustrations, VII. 787.

‡ See hereafter, p. 234.

Burdy a Deacon at his next ordination: the latter method is frequently taken in this kingdom when Bishops are absent from their dioceses. It has given me concern not to have had more opportunities of cultivating our acquaintance, which I shall be much obliged to your Lordship for giving me opportunities of doing, as I have the honour to be, with very high regard, my Lord, your Lordship's most faithful and obedient humble servant,

“JOHN HELY HUTCHINSON.”

1783—1786.

THOMAS TYRWHITT,* Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

“MY DEAR LORD, Welbeck Street, Feb. 1, 1783.

“I send with this the Appendix, as you desired. The pretended Letter to Mr. Walpole is a mere catch-penny, without either wit or argument. It is supposed to be addressed to him by one of his fellow-conspirators against the fame of poor Rowley. I just ran over it, but my conscience would not permit me to be instrumental in promoting the sale of it. There has been a more decent pamphlet published lately on the same side by Mr. Mathias. He calls it a State of the Evidence on *both* sides. But he allows himself at the end to be a *well-wisher* to Rowley, and therefore you will easily suppose that his State is not quite impartial. However, I do not see that he has said anything which should occasion a renewal of the controversy. I really begin to hope that it is ended; especially if what the papers tell us be true, that Dr. Glynne is married. Of literary news there is a great dearth. I think I understood from Mr. Malone, the other day, that he had some Supplement in hand to his two volumes of Shakespear. I suppose, too, we shall have Mr. Capell at last this spring, though I have not heard any certain intelligence about him. I am, my dear Lord, your very faithful and obedient

T. TYRWHITT.”

“MY DEAR LORD, Welbeck Street, June 15, 1784.

“As this is to be a letter of business I shall not trouble you with a long preface. You have heard, perhaps, that the Bibliotheca Yelvertoniana has lately been exposed to auction here. The books were all sold; but the sale of

* Thomas Tyrwhitt, esq. editor of Chaucer, died August 15, 1786, in his 56th year. See memoirs of him and his writings in *Literary Anecdotes*, III. 147—151, vol. VII. 431, 696. *Literary Illustrations*, General Index.

the MSS. (after a very few articles had been disposed of) was stopped,* by a declaration on the part of the proprietor, that he would not suffer any more to be sold, unless some person would bid £500 for the whole collection. This declaration put an immediate end to the sale. It has since been suggested that it might be proper for the Museum to purchase these MSS. if the price demanded should be so much further reduced as to bring them within their reach, which is not very unlikely to happen; and therefore I have been desired to write to you (who are supposed to be better acquainted with this collection than any one else) to beg all the information which your memory will enable you to give, which may assist the Trustees in forming a judgment of the real value of this collection. Upon running over the catalogue (in the general Catalogus MSS. Angliæ), I see that several volumes, containing single treatises, have been printed long ago. The Parliament Rolls, which fill eight volumes, have been printed lately. There are nine volumes, I think, of Treatises, &c. of which I suspect the material parts, if not the whole, may be found in Rymer, or the Supplement to Rymer, already in the Museum. Most of the Parliamentary MSS. I am inclined to believe have been either printed, or may be found, in other transcripts, among the Harleian. But it is not my business to state to you the defects of the collection. I rather want to learn from you whether you recollect any articles of such value as may make it adviseable to endeavour to purchase them, encumbered as they may be with a heap of rubbish. I am sorry to see not one of our old friends, either poet or romancer, in the catalogue.

“I was glad to hear lately from Mr. Malone that you were well, though I think he said he had not had the pleasure of seeing you. In hopes of hearing at your leisure that you continue so, I remain, my dear Lord,
yours very faithfully,
T. TYRWHITT.”

THOMAS TYRWHITT,† Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

“MY LORD,

Welbeck Street, Aug. 18, 1786.

“I am exceedingly concerned that it falls to my lot to apprise your Lordship of the loss of so intimate a friend

* See the Literary Anecdotes, vol. III. p. 622; Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 466. The Yelverton MSS. are still in the possession of Lord Calthorpe, the son of the nobleman to whom they were presented. It would be very desirable they should be deposited in the British Museum.

† Nephew of the editor of Chaucer.

as the one who lately inhabited this house. He died on Tuesday last,* after a short though severe illness. It has been beyond my exertions to write to all his numerous acquaintances in the course of two days' time, which, together with my present situation, I hope will prevent your Lordship from the supposition that I have been guilty of any intentional neglect in not having given the melancholy information at an earlier period. I am, with the greatest respect, your Lordship's most faithful, humble servant,

THOMAS TYRWHITT.

"P.S. I am well aware that it becomes me to enter into further particulars to your Lordship, as I may say the most intimate friend of my departed uncle, but at present I am greatly pressed for time; the first opportunity I shall take the liberty of transmitting them to your Lordship."

Bishop PERCY to THOMAS TYRWHITT, Esq.

"SIR,

Dromore House, Aug. 31, 1786.

"I received with most sincere grief the account of the death of my very ingenious, learned, and ever honoured friend Mr. Tyrwhitt, which you were pleased to impart to me. I beg you will accept both my best acknowledgments for the early communication of an event to me so interesting, and my unfeigned condolence on so great a loss. He was an honour to his age and country, not more for his extensive erudition, his fine genius and deep and solid judgment, than for the candour, elegance, and probity of his manners, his unassuming modesty and simplicity of character, and distinguished virtues.† His memory will be dear to his friends and to all that knew him for the short time they have to survive; but will be transmitted to posterity for unceasing duration among the first scholars and greatest critics to whom the world has been indebted for the improvement of learning.

"You give me hope of being favoured at some future hour with further particulars concerning the last illness of my dear departed friend, &c. I am too sensible of the present urgent demands on you for all your time and attention to require so great a sacrifice at present; but if at your future leisure you should be inclined to gratify and indulge me with any detail of whatever kind relating to a man I so much loved and honoured, it will lay me under

* See p. 220.

† Mr. Tyrwhitt well deserved this praise. His scholarship and his critical talents were of the first order; but it is to be lamented that he employed too much of his time on authors of inferior value.—J. M.

the deepest obligation. I hope you and all his family will allow me to mingle my tears with theirs on this afflicting occasion, and will believe me to be, Sir, your most obliged and very faithful servant.

T. DROMORE.

"P.S. If at this distance I can be of any use in respect to any information, &c. concerning his books or papers, I beg my best services may be commanded.

"If his library should be disposed of, I should be exceedingly obliged if I may be allowed to purchase two or three little Spanish books of historical songs, particularly one intituled 'El Cancionero de Anvers,' in a very small volume."

SAMUEL PEGGE,* Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Scotland Yard, July 17, 1783.

"When I last had the honour to see you, it was agreed that I should trouble you when you went to Ireland as much as I pleased, and you may be sure I have not forgot a tittle of the liberty you condescended to indulge me with; and though you took a short passage from Carlisle, you will not be able to elude my impertinence.

"I shall as soon as possible in the next winter trouble your Lordship and the world with a Second Part of the 'Curialia,' which will contain an account of the Gentlemen Pensioners and the Yeomen of the Guard, which last subject induces me to trouble your Lordship with some queries relative to the Battle-Axe Guards in Ireland.

"I have the honour to remain your Lordship's most obedient humble servant,

S. PEGGE."

"MY LORD,

Whittington, Nov. 5, 1783.

"I here return my best thanks for your very polite and obliging letter of the 28th of August last, dated from Dromore House. Your Parliament business being now commenced, I hope this will find you at Dublin, where I flatter myself you do not forget your friends in the literary line on this side the water, not even myself.

"I am now very near getting again into the hands of Nichols's devils, and shall, as soon as possible, trouble your Lordship with two more dull details as a Second Part of the 'Curialia;' I mean, an account of the Gentlemen Pensioners, and of its companion, the Yeomen of the Guard.

* Samuel Pegge, esq. died May 22, 1800, aged 67. See an account of him in *Literary Anecdotes*, VI. 258; VII. 315, 647.

This last subject has already made me troublesome to your Lordship, as it is necessary I should say something of the Battle-Axe Guards in Ireland, so intimately connected with it.

"I despair of sending you any thing from our Court, for the King has left off his coffee-house, and had not more than six Sunday drawing-rooms during the last winter; besides that the newspapers forestall everything: nay, our Thursday courts are held but once a fortnight in the summer. Literary matters you have from better hands than mine—how then can I make you amends for my impertinence?

"I have been here about two months, and next week set my face towards London. I have this day seen my father safe into his eightieth year, and as well as he has been for a great while, with his faculties very perfect, and with bodily health in proportion. I am entrusted with the respects of all this little family that have the honour to be known to your Lordship.

"When your Lordship has time to advert to my queries I hope I shall be favoured with a few lines directed to Scotland Yard, which will be acknowledged with great thankfulness by your Lordship's much obliged and very obedient servant,

"S. PEGGE."

Bishop PERCY to SAMUEL PEGGE, Esq.

"DEAR SIR,

Dromore House, Dec. 15, 1783.

"Do not conclude from my silence that I have neglected your object of inquiry. I never can forget my friends. The truth is, urgent business in my diocese having caused me to get my attendance in Parliament excused at present, I wrote to the gentleman I thought most likely to procure full intelligence, and inclosed your queries to him. This was Sir Boyle Roche, Bart. (Gentleman Usher and Master of the Ceremonies,) at the Castle, Dublin. And here I send you his own answer. After this introduction you may write to him yourself, and if you inclose your letter to me hither, I will frank it to him. I received great pleasure from the account you gave me of my good old friend your excellent father, whose continuance among us will, I hope, be many many years longer.* I beg you will present my best respects to him, and to Mrs. and Miss Pegge.

* Dr. Pegge survived till 1796, when he died in his 92d year. See before, p. 164.

"Believe me very truly, dear Sir, your faithful and most obedient servant,

"THO. DROMORE.

"P.S. Could you procure access to the Commissioners' own Lottery Books, and thence inform me of the fate of No. 24,380, which the newspapers say is come up a prize of 20*l*. (it would be still better if you could prove that the 3 cyphers (000) ought to be added to it;) and also tell me when and how it may be best converted into cash?"

Sir BOYLE ROCHE* to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Dublin, Dec. 25, 1783.

"I was honoured by your Lordship's second letter, with that for Mr. Pegge, which I procured to be franked for him.

"It was not till yesterday that I could get a full account of the establishment of the Battle-axe Guard out of the Auditor's Office. As Mr. Pegge's queries were not answered fully in the account I obtained from thence, I supplied the rest from my own knowledge, which is written in a different hand from the rest.

"We have had no news from England since we heard of Mr. Fox's defeat in the House of Lords: it is usually imagined that the Ministry will be directly changed, and the British Parliament dissolved. Mr. Pelham sailed for England on Tuesday; his departure was hastened by the fear of being opposed in his county of Sussex. It is much to be feared he will not return. Lord Northington † expects his recall: Lord Carmarthen, the Duke of Chandos, and Lord Hillsborough are spoken of for his successor, but every thing is uncertain.

"I have the honour to be your Lordship's very obedient, humble servant,

B. ROCHE."

1784.

SAMUEL PEGGE, Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY GOOD LORD,

Scotland Yard, Jan. 13, 1784.

"I have the favour of both your very obliging letters

* Sir Boyle Roche, of Fermey, co. Cork; created a Baronet Oct. 8, 1782.

† Second Lord Northington; he was the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1783, and was succeeded by the Duke of Rutland in 1784. Lord Northington died in July 1786, when the title became extinct.

before me, the latter of which I read this morning, containing very satisfactory answers to all my queries; for which I give the first thanks to your Lordship, and further beg you would, when you write to Dublin, be so kind as to make my acknowledgments to Sir Boyle Roche.

"Mr. Pitt narrowly escaped having no seat in the House of Commons yesterday, for the return of his election did not arrive till twelve o'clock at noon.

"My family thank your Lordship for your kind remembrance of them in your letters, and beg to return the good wishes of the season to your Lordship and family.

"I shall use the indulgence you have procured for me, by troubling Sir Boyle Roche with a few questions on a similar subject hereafter; but that I think may be done through our Secretary of State's Office, without using the medium of your Lordship's cover: should that channel fail, I will then take the liberty of passing my letters through your Lordship's hands.

"S. PEGGE."

"MY LORD,

Scotland Yard, July 12, 1784.

"Sir Boyle Roche has been in England, and I took the opportunity of his being at Court last month to be presented to him, and thanked him for his very obliging information, through your Lordship's favour; when he was so good as to indulge me with any future liberties of the like kind which I should find necessary; so that I need not now trouble your Lordship on such subjects, but will address myself at once to Sir Boyle Roche.

"The Irish Postage Bill being not yet passed, I hope I am in time for this letter to come free to your Lordship; and before it reaches your hands I shall have ready a copy of the Second Part of the 'Curialia' for your Lordship's acceptance. The difficulty is how I can transmit it to Ireland, for which purpose I must wait for your instructions. It contains an account of the Gentleman Pensioners; and a similar account of the Yeomen of the Guard will appear early in the next winter. I could not conveniently bring them out together, as I wished to have done, for various reasons.

"My wife and daughter beg to have the honour of pre-

sending their respects, together with those of your Lordship's most obliged and obedient servant,

"S. PEGGE."

ISAAC HAWKINS BROWNE, * Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, March 1, 1784.

"I have just heard your Lordship is in England, and therefore take the liberty of requesting the honour of your Lordship's support at Bridgenorth, if there should be a dissolution of Parliament. I shall stand in consequence of an unsolicited and almost unanimous invitation from the resident burgesses, and have met with the greatest encouragement from the non-resident ones.

"I need not say that I shall esteem your Lordship's approbation of my conduct, and vote and interest, the greatest honour which can be conferred upon one who begs leave to subscribe himself, with great respect, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,

"ISAAC HAWKINS BROWNE."

"MY LORD, May 27, 1784.

"Your Lordship's very obliging letter requires my earliest and most grateful acknowledgments. Many flattering and honourable circumstances have attended my late election at Bridgenorth, but I can assure your Lordship that I consider your approbation, and the support you intended me, as the greatest honour I could receive. It will be my highest ambition to act in Parliament with integrity, moderation, and judgment; and to approve my conduct there to a person of your Lordship's knowledge and abilities, and to so very respectable a constituent.

"I have divided with three great majorities in support of Mr. Pitt; in whose favour, however, I have not pledged myself, and to whom or whose friends I am under no obligations. Two were election questions, which appeared to me very clear; and the third was the Address. The

* Isaac Hawkins Browne, Esq. (son of Isaac Hawkins Browne, the eminent Latin Poet). When a young man he published an edition of his father's Poems, with his Life; and in 1815, anonymously, a small volume of Essays, moral and religious, which he had written at different periods of his life. He died May 30, 1818, in his 73rd year. See a long memoir and high character of him in *Gent. Mag.* vol. LXXXVIII. ii. p. 179.

election questions were brought before the House at large in the first instance; as in one case (that of Westminster) no return of Members was made, therefore it did not come within the words of Mr. Grenville's Bill; the other case (that of Bedfordshire) must be decided by a committee, but the question before the House only regarded the time when it was to be heard. The House, I think very properly, determined that, as the complaint was only against the return, an early day should be appointed for hearing it. Upon all these questions the strength of parties has been tried. The divisions have been 283 to 136, 282 to 114, 210 to 66. This is a majority, I hope, sufficient to give Mr. Pitt a fair trial, and to prevent a factious obstruction of public business. The India Affairs, Suppression of Smuggling, and some System of Finance, are to be brought on this Session. The American Commerce, a very important consideration, is to be deferred till winter. Pitt's eloquence, and ability in debate, exceeds my highest expectation.

"I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect and regard, my Lord, your Lordship's most obliged, most obedient humble servant,

"I. H. BROWNE."

The Earl of BRISTOL * to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Downhill, August 1, 1784.

"I learned yesterday, from my neighbour Mr. Jackson, that your Lordship was to visit my diocese at the request of my Lord Primate; and I take the first opportunity of expressing the satisfaction I feel in a circumstance which is likely to procure me the honour and pleasure of your Lordship's acquaintance.

"May I venture to propose to your Lordship a few days' rest at the Downhill, in your progress to Derry? it lies within four miles of Coleraine, and twelve from the Giant's Causeway; and I flatter myself that the singularity of the situation, with the improvements it carries on its face, will atone for the very homely reception I can

* Frederick 4th Earl of Bristol, born in Aug. 1730; made Bishop of Cloyne 1767; translated to Derry 1768. Died July 8, 1803. See memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* vol. LXXIII. p. 789; notices of him in *Literary Anecdotes*, VII. 429, 543; and a whole-length portrait of him in Gage's "Hundred of Thingoe," 4to. 1838.

give your Lordship in this remote and insulated part of the kingdom.

"I have the honour to be, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient servant,

"BRISTOL."

Rev. Dr. HENRY * to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Edinburgh, December 6, 1784.

"I embrace the opportunity of sending you a copy of the fifth volume of my History of Britain, by Mr. Greenfield, though the last sheet of it came from the press only this morning, and I beg your acceptance of it. I believe my work is very little known in Ireland. I do not wish it to be so well known, or so much esteemed, as to be printed there; but, as I still publish at my own expense and risk, I shall not be sorry if there is some small demand for it in your Island.

"Your Lordship will observe that I have been indebted to your very curious publication, the Northumberland Family Book. I shall be still more indebted to it in my next period.

"The two literary societies lately established here by royal charters are still in their infancy, and it is hard to say what they will produce. They have each of them some valuable members.

"If your Lordship can find leisure to glance over this volume, and to let me know your opinion of it in a few lines, I shall esteem it a very great favour.

"I use the freedom to send four copies of the late Mr. Hume's opinion of my first and second volumes. It was originally intended for one of the Reviews, but came too late. A little before his death, he gave me leave to print it, and make any use of it I pleased.

"Mr. Greenfield will inform your Lordship, more fully than I can do in a letter, concerning your friends, and the state of literature, &c. in this place.

"I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect, your Lordship's most obedient and most humble servant,

"ROBERT HENRY."

* The well-known historian of England. He died in November 1790. See memoir in Chalmers's Biographical Dictionary; and notices of him in Literary Anecdotes, vol. VII. pp. 176, 590.

Bishop of DROMORE to Dr. HENRY.

“SIR,

Dromore, April 6, 1785.

“I think myself exceedingly obliged to you for the very kind present of your book, which I have always considered as a most useful and valuable work; nor should I have so long delayed my very sincere acknowledgments for this flattering distinction you are pleased to shew me, but I hoped, before this time, I should have been able to have procured in this country some subscribers, in consequence of the warm recommendations I have thought it to have deserved, and which I have not failed to bestow on a work of so much merit; but though I have not yet met with the success I expected, I am going soon to Dublin, and shall not fail to do it justice on every opportunity there that offers. Another reason for my delay in writing was a desire of sending something more than a mere letter of acknowledgments for so kind a favour, by adding a few observations that occurred to me, but for which, till now, I have scarce had leisure. I have read with attention your historical narrative of the English Reigns contained in the fifth volume, and find it in general more critically exact than any history of the same period I remember to have examined. I see you have adopted Mr. Walpole’s idea, that the mention of the Lord Edward’s robe, in the accounts of the wardrobe, is to be considered as a proof that Edward V. was intended to walk at his uncle Richard’s coronation; but this has been pretty well considered in that volume of the *Archæologia* which contains Dean Milles’s *Strictures on Mr. Walpole’s Essay*, &c. and it is now generally considered as only the *taylor’s bill* for royal robes owing by government (if I may so express myself); and the opportunity of getting all arrears of this sort paid, might make them glad to insert the robe which had been provided for young Edward’s own coronation, whom they could now only style ‘Lord Edward.’

“As in your next volume you will have occasion to bring again into view the subject of King Richard’s supposed murder of his nephews when Perkin Warbeck comes on the stage, I will now let you into a secret, that I can produce an irrefragable proof that Richard Duke of York was believed (I may almost say positively known) to be dead at the time of his uncle’s coronation, by a Record that has fallen in my way, and which has escaped all inquirers on this subject, but which shall be much at

your service, when you are come to that part of your history. I am now going to Dublin for two months, and, after my return, shall have a little more leisure to enter into these agreeable discussions. In the mean time believe me to be, Sir,

“Your much obliged servant,

“THO. DROMORE.

“P.S. You would not pardon me, I am sure, if I did not endeavour to find some fault in your work; this is not easy to perform.—Perhaps the common story of the murder of King Edward V. and his brother should have been mentioned, and told with the authority that is given for it, (viz. Sir Thomas More,) even if, upon discussion, it should be found problematical. When you examine the Household Book in your next volume, I must enter a caveat against the very unfavourable, I may say uncandid and unjust, account given of the establishment by Hume, in his notes, who has estimated money erroneously below the value, as I have shown in my preface to the Household Book; but I desire I may set all this right in your book.”

Dr. HENRY to the Bishop of DROMORE.

“MY LORD,

Edinburgh, September 13, 1785.

“You are, no doubt, much surprised, that you have not received an answer, long before this time, to the very friendly letter you did me the honour to write to me, dated at Dublin, 6th May last. This hath been owing to the following circumstance. Before your letter reached Edinburgh, I had set out, May 10th, on a journey for the recovery of my health, and spent the whole summer in England. When I returned to my house in the country, 7th August, I found your letter. I wrote to the Secretaries of both our Societies, to prepare such papers as it would be proper to send you, and procure the permission of the Societies to send them. I came to town yesterday, and saw the Secretary of the Antiquarian Society, who hath prepared several papers, which he will send by the first opportunity. Some of them are curious. The Secretary of the Royal Society is not in town, and I know not what he hath done; but I hope he will do the same.

“I am happy to find that you think so favourably of my work, and thank you most sincerely for your friendly endeavours to promote its success. I have the pleasure

to inform you, that it seems to be rising in reputation, and the sale hath been much brisker in London since the publication of the 5th volume.

"I acknowledge the justice of your remark concerning my omission of stories which I thought improbable, but which some readers might wish to know. When I formed the plan of this work, I foresaw it would be too voluminous, both for the patience and the purses of many readers. To prevent this, I resolved to relate in few words what appeared to me well authenticated or very probable, and to avoid all controversies with or criticisms upon former historians. To this I have adhered perhaps too strictly. If I had noticed and discussed all the mistakes I have discovered in former writers, my work would have swelled to an enormous size.

"I am at this moment engaged and much perplexed with Perkin Warbeck.* If your Lordship will be so good as to furnish me with any information on that subject, I shall esteem it the greatest favour. I wish to discover truth, and have taken some pains to do it, but it is sometimes buried too deep for my researches, in which I have received little or no assistance from the living.

"I had an esteem and friendship for the late Mr. Hume, as a good-natured friendly man, by whom I was much encouraged to proceed in my work, when it was little regarded by the public; but this did not bias me in the least in favour of his opinions in religion, philosophy, and politics, or make me blind to his mistakes in history. In the particular you mention he was evidently mistaken, and should have acknowledged it. If you favour me with a copy of your correspondence with him on that subject, it will oblige me much.

ROBERT HENRY."

"MY LORD,

Edinburgh, May 2, 1787.

"I am much ashamed when I look at the date of your last very friendly letter. I could patch up an apology for my long silence, but it is better to trust your goodness, and my frank confession of inattention for forgiveness.

"I have disposed of the property of my five volumes, with the few remaining copies of the quarto edition, to

* In 1837 Sir Frederick Madden made a very valuable communication to the Society of Antiquaries, "Documents relating to Perkin Warbeck, with Remarks on his history;" printed in *Archæologia*, XXVII. p. 153—210.

Mr. Cadell for 1455*l*. This, with 1600*l*. I had made of it before, and a pension of 100*l*. a-year, which the King very unexpectedly granted me, is all I have made by these volumes. But when I reflect on my own obscurity, and total want of patronage, when I engaged in that work, I see good reason to be contented and thankful.

“The period on which I am now labouring is from the accession of Henry VII. A.D. 1485, to the accession of Queen Elizabeth, A.D. 1558. But I now find that, as I descend the stream of time, the current swells, and that a history upon my plan is in danger of becoming unwieldy and too voluminous. I dislike digressions and verbosity, but I also dislike abridgments. I wish to satisfy myself, and, if I could, to satisfy my readers, on every part of my plan; but I find I cannot do this, in my present period, in one volume. I am thinking therefore of publishing the first three chapters, viz. the civil and military, the ecclesiastical and constitutional history, with an appendix, in one volume; and afterwards, the other four chapters, viz. the history of learning, arts, commerce, and manners, in another. In this way I do not despair of making it both instructive and entertaining. How the public will relish this I am uncertain.

“My health, for these two years past, hath been precarious; the duties of my office require a portion of my time, and I meet with so many interruptions from business, company, &c. that I do not make such progress as I wish, and as the public expect. I hope, however, that my sixth volume may appear about two years hence.

“I am much obliged to your Lordship for your hint about Perkin Warbeck, and the two leaves from Vincent, which I shall return by some safe hand. The argument from it, that both King Richard and Lord Howard believed the young prince to be dead, is perfectly decisive. It will convince Mr. Walpole. I shall use it, but not without acknowledgment. I have few such acknowledgments to make.

“When you find an opportunity of sending me the Northumberland Family Book, I shall receive it with gratitude. There is a similar book of James V. in the Register Office here. It is in Latin, but much sullied, and hardly legible.

“The first volume of the Transactions of our Royal Society is almost printed off, and will soon be published. I wish it may answer expectation. Few of the people

here who have acquired any literary reputation, have hazarded anything in this volume.

"A rural poet, one Robert Burns, a ploughman in Ayrshire, hath published a volume of poems, which have been so well received that 3500 copies were sold in a few weeks. There are several other works upon the anvil in this writing town.

"I am, with the sincerest respect, and in hopes of your future communications, my Lord,

"Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,

"ROBERT HENRY."

1785.

REV. SAMUEL BURDY* to BISHOP PERCY.

"MY LORD, Corbally, near Downpatrick, July 30th, 1785.

"Since I have been excluded for more than this twelve-months past from the honour of a personal interview with your Lordship, it was after no small doubt and perplexity I could at length prevail on myself to trouble your Lordship with this letter, which will indeed be an unexpected, and, like its author, I am afraid, an unwelcome visitant.

"It is not with an intent to solicit any favour or preferment, which it would be presumption in me to ask, and propriety in you to refuse, that I now take the liberty of writing to your Lordship, but merely with a desire to express my sorrow at my having ever been so unfortunate as to excite in the least your Lordship's displeasure against me. Bound as I am to you in many cases by the ties of gratitude for the kindnesses I have received, I cannot surely be unconcerned with respect to the opinion your Lordship should please to entertain of me. My first introduction into the Church was owing to your Lordship's warm recommendation; it was expressed with the ardour of a friend, and not with the cold indifference of a stranger. Afterwards, too, at my own request, you applied to a certain gentleman in my favour, who was qualified to judge of no other merit or distinction but what fortune can bestow, and to whom I am happy I never was obliged. You then voluntarily ordained me a priest without any solicitations of mine, and on that occasion condescended to stamp with your approbation the sermon I hastily composed in obedience to your Lordship's com-

* Rev. Samuel Burdy, A.B. author of the *Life of the Rev. Philip Skelton*, and editor of *Skelton's Sermons*. See pp. 219, 236.

mands. This I should prefer to the unmeaning applause of whole giddy multitudes, who in general have no penetration to discover, and no taste to distinguish, real desert. The elegance of your own writings, which have so often delighted the age, gives you a just claim to determine on the merit of others—

‘ Let those praise others who themselves excel,
And censure freely who have written well.’

“ The kind attention and civilities I frequently met with from your Lordship and amiable family, have made, I must own, an impression on my breast too deep to be easily effaced. My respect, it is true, on that account might have hurried me into some irregularities and errors, to which all of us, in this frail state of humanity, are in a greater or less degree liable. *For who can tell how often he offendeth?* Your Lordship will therefore, I hope, pardon my errors, into which I have been betrayed by a natural sensibility of heart, and by a mind too apt to be affected with objects that are worthy of eminent admiration and esteem. And indeed that man must be divested of the feelings of a man, whose soul can be insensible to the most charming part of the creation.

“ I have much reason to request your Lordship’s indulgence for having recourse to this method in striving to regain your Lordship’s favour, the want of which I should always consider as a singular misfortune of my life. I might, it is true, stretch out my letter to a much wider extent by a variety of arguments, which the nature of my subject would easily afford, if I were not unwilling to intrude on your precious time. For whilst your Lordship is busily employed in works of elegance and taste, in the encouragement of industry and manufactures, in diffusing wealth, prosperity, and religion everywhere around you, as far as your influence extends, I must be injurious to the interests of the community, should I in the least divert your attention from objects of such importance. *In publica commoda peccem, si longo sermone moror tua tempora.*

“ I am, my Lord, with very great respect, your Lordship’s often obliged and most dutiful servant,

“ SAML. BURDY.”

“ October 4, 1794.

“ Mr. BURDY’s dutiful respects to the Lord Bishop of Dromore, and returns Cave’s Lives of the Fathers with

thanks. There is one copy of Skelton's Life * coming from Dublin, which he has ordered to be sent to his Lordship. Possibly a few more may be picked up among the different booksellers and others appointed to sell them.

"There is a great clamour raised against this book by certain interested persons, especially the Methodists, one of whom has published a virulent pamphlet against it, which possibly may be taken notice of. Another has written a poem against Mr. B. which is not yet published. The Monthly Reviewers seem rather offended with him for throwing out some sarcasms on reviewers in general, and on the Rev. Mr. Lindsey in particular, whom he understood afterwards to be a reviewer. They, however, allow him a good deal of credit, own the book "is calculated to serve the cause of virtue," but say it "is written in the *Irish dialect*, which frequently gives a grammatical inaccuracy to the expression." Yet in their various quotations they did not, or could not, point out one single instance of impropriety."

Extracts of Correspondence between Bishop Percy and Edmund Malone, Esq. relative to Oliver Goldsmith and his Family.†

1785—1807.

BISHOP PERCY to MR. MALONE.

"Dublin, June 16, 1785.

"I have long owed you my very grateful acknowledgments for a most obliging letter, which contained much interesting information, particularly with respect to Goldsmith's Memoirs. The paper which you have recovered in my own handwriting, giving dates and many interesting particulars relating to his life, was dictated to me by himself one rainy day, at Northumberland House, and sent by me to Dr. Johnson, which I had concluded to be

* "The Life of Rev. Philip Skelton, with some curious Anecdotes. By the Rev. Samuel Burdy, A.B." 8vo. 1792. See Monthly Review, Dec. 1792, p. 379. His Works were republished by the Rev. S. Clapham (see Gent. Mag. LXXXI. i. 104; LXXXII. ii. 349); and Mr. Burdy's Life of Skelton was republished by Mr. A. Chalmers, in a Miscellaneous volume of Lives in 1817. See Gent. Mag. LXXXVII. i. 58. Mr. Skelton was the friend of the Rev. Dr. Wm. Robertson, of Wolverhampton. See Monthly Review, 1792, vol. IV. 384. There is a portrait of Dr. Robertson, and a memoir of him by Dr. Disney, in Gent. Mag. for Sept. 1783.

† From MS. Correspondence in possession of Dr. H. U. Thomson, of Piccadilly, and printed in Prior's Life of Goldsmith.

irrecoverably lost. The other memoranda on the subject were transmitted to me by his brother and others of his family, to afford materials for a Life of Goldsmith, which Johnson was to write and publish for their benefit. But he utterly forgot them and the subject; so that when he composed Goldsmith's Epitaph, he gave a wrong place for that of his birth—*Elphin*, which is accordingly so sculptured in Westminster Abbey.

"Goldsmith has an only brother living,* a cabinet-maker, who has been a decent tradesman, a very honest, worthy man, but he has been very unfortunate, and is at this time in great indigence. It has occurred to such of us here as were acquainted with the Doctor, to print an edition of his poems, chiefly under the direction of the Bishop of Killaloe† and myself, and prefix a new, correct life of the author, for the poor man's benefit; and to get you, and Sir Joshua Reynolds, Mr. Steevens, &c. to recommend the same in England, especially among the members of the Club. If we can but subside this poor man at present, and relieve him from immediate indigence, Mr. Orde,‡ our Secretary of State, has given us hope that he will procure him some little place that will make him easy for life; and then we shall have shown our regard for the departed Bard by relieving his only brother, and, so far as I hear, the only one of his family that wants relief."

"July 3, 1785.

"I am leaving Dublin to return for the summer to Dro-more, where, in a very agreeable situation in all other respects, I only have to regret my great distance from the literary world. I see publications about as soon as they would reach the East Indies. Although I endeavour to get the Reviews, Magazines, &c. &c. I am often eight months in arrear. But I am endeavouring to open a communication, through Liverpool and Newry, for a supply of these necessary publications, and if I can accomplish it will beg leave to inform you of the mode, &c. for I find it often as difficult to get parcels sent me from Dublin as from London itself. Thus circumstanced, I must feel double gratitude for a letter full of literary intelligence like your last."

* "The Bishop was not then aware of the younger brother, Charles, being alive in the West Indies." PRIOR.—Of Charles Goldsmith see *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. p. 60.

† Dr. Barnard.

‡ Right Hon. Thomas Orde, Under Secretary of State for the Civil Department in Ireland.

Oct. 17, 1786.

"I received only three days ago your very obliging favour of September 28th; nor did your former shorter letter which you mention ever come to hand; a misfortune which, I fear, often happens to letters to and from me, for our post-office here is not well conducted."

Oct. 17, 1786.

"In the meantime I must entreat you to exert all your influence among the gentlemen of the Club, and particularly urge it on Sir Joshua Reynolds, to procure subscriptions for the present relief of poor Maurice Goldsmith, who is suffering great penury and distress, being not only poor, but very unhealthy. I procured him a present supply of between thirty and forty guineas last year, but fear his creditors will not suffer much of that money to remain with him. These demands being so far satisfied, further relief would probably reach himself, and remain with him to his great comfort. Our new Society of Arts and Sciences* have made him mace-bearer; but without present subsistence, I fear he will not live to derive the future emoluments. A guinea a-piece from the members of the Club would be a great relief to him."

Feb. 12, 1787.

"I reminded Mr. Orde to-day of his promise to give some little place to Goldsmith's poor brother, and he kindly engaged to do something for him soon. In the meantime, however, the poor creature is starving. Lord Charlemont made him mace-bearer to the Academy, but he has got no salary."

April 14, 1787.

"Mr. Orde has lately done a handsome thing, which ought to be mentioned to his honour, and we have accordingly reported it in the Freeman's Journal. He has given a snug little place in the Licence Office† to Maurice Goldsmith, in honour of his brother's literary merit, which,

* The Royal Irish Academy, then recently instituted.

† He filled this place with credit, and died in 1792. See Letter from Dr. Campbell to Bishop Percy, June 12, 1793, in *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. p. 790.

The following anecdote of Goldsmith was communicated by Bishop Percy to Dr. Campbell, and is the one alluded to in *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. p. 780, as the "*Green Arbour* picture," which Dr. Campbell promised in his letter to Bishop Percy should be closely copied.

Goldsmith's residence in Green Arbour Court.

In 1758 Goldsmith occupied the first floor of No. 12, Green Arbour

with the mace-bearer's office in the Royal Academy, and the money we hope to get by subscription to his brother's Works, we hope will make the poor man easy for life."

About 1788.

"Dr. Wilson's very curious letter,* which you thought lost, I have happily in my possession, so that we may readily compile a good, at least a correct, account of the principal events of Dr. Goldsmith's life; and, with the assistance of one or other of his friends, may be able to fill up an account for almost all the time he spent from his leaving Edinburgh till he rose to public notice."

MR. MALONE TO BISHOP PERCY.

"Oct. 25, 1803.

"Not being able to execute your commission in person, I wrote to my friend Mr. Bindley, of the Stamp Office, from whom I have received a most satisfactory answer on the subject of your inquiry. He found out Mr. Charles Goldsmith, though he does not now live at No. 1, Dorset Place, and the house has changed inhabitants twice since he left it. Goldsmith waited on Mr. Bindley, and it seems he has been out of England for a year, in consequence of which he never got your Lordship's letter. He narrowly escaped being imprisoned in France. His present abode is No. 19, Southampton Street, Pentonville, Islington. He said he would write soon to you, and seemed much pleased at the prospect of receiving some emolument from his brother's work, whom Mr. Bindley says he much resembles in person, speech, and manner.

"E. MALONE."

Court, Old Bailey. In the beginning of March 1759 Bishop Percy visited him there.

"Dr. Goldsmith," observed Bishop Percy to Dr. Campbell, "was employed in writing his 'Enquiry into Polite Learning' (or rather, perhaps, in correcting the proof-sheets, for the work appeared on the 3rd of April following), in a wretchedly dirty room, in which there was but one chair, and when for civility this was offered to a visitant, he himself was obliged to sit in the window. While they were conversing, some one gently rapped at the door, and on being desired to come in, a poor ragged little girl of very decent behaviour entered, who, dropping a curtsey, said, 'My Mamma sends her compliments, and begs the favour of you to lend her a chamber-pot full of coals.'"

* Printed in Prior's Life of Goldsmith, vol. I. p. 63.

“ Queen Anne Street, Sept. 28, 1807.

“ I can myself, from personal knowledge, witness to the truth of your character of Goldsmith, for I never observed any of those grimaces or fooleries that the Interpolator* talks of, nor could I ever assent to Lord Orford’s pointed sentence, that he was ‘an inspired idiot,’ which was said and circulated merely for the sake of the point, without any regard to just representation. I always made battle against Boswell’s representation of him, also, in the *Life of Johnson*; and often expressed my opinion that he rated Goldsmith much too low. E. MALONE.”

1786.

JAMES MACPHERSON,† Esq. to the Rev. WM. STURROCK.

“ SIR,

London, December 1, 1786.

“ I received the favour of yours of the 19th of last month. Sir John Eliot,‡ who had been in a very declining state of health for fifteen months past, and had travelled to different places, expired on the 7th of November, at Brocket Hall, the seat of Lord Melbourne, in the county of Hertford. He was, in terms of his will, buried at Hatfield, being the parish in which he died. He thought, himself, he was recovering; but his stamina seemed to others to be quite worn out, and they long could hope for no better event than has happened. What fortune he has-

* Mr. Samuel Rose, editor of the *Works of Goldsmith*, 1801. See *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. 102.

† See a memoir of James Macpherson, Esq. supposed author of the *Poems of Ossian*, in *Lit. Anec.* IX. 520; and notices of him in vol. VII. 243, 621. He died Feb. 17, 1796, in his 59th year. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* LXVI. 256.

‡ On a mural tablet in Bishop’s Hatfield Church is the following epitaph: “ Near this place lie the remains of Sir John Eliot, Bart. late an eminent physician in London. He was born in Edinburgh in the year 1736, where he had the first rudiments of his education, which he further improved during his residence in France and Holland. He died at Brockett Hall, the seat of his friend Lord Melbourne, on the 7th of November, 1787; having before his death given directions that he should be placed in the parish church-yard of the place where he should happen to die.

“ Thus, when the poisoned shafts of death are sped,
The plant of Gilead bows her mournful head;
The holy balm that heal’d another’s pain
On her own wound distils its charm in vain.

JERNINGHAM.

“ His uncle, William Davidson, of Muir House, near Edinburgh, caused this monument to be erected.”—*Clutterbuck’s Herts*, ii. 371.

left, he bequeathed by will to his natural children, chiefly daughters. I am, Sir,

“Your very humble servant,

“J. MACPHERSON.”

REV. WM. STURROCK TO JAMES MACPHERSON, Esq.

“SIR,

Seapatrick, near Banbridge, Aug. 21, 1787.

“I hope you will once more excuse this liberty, as I persuade myself you will have much pleasure in hearing of the regard which has been shewn by the Bishop of Dromore to the memory of our late friend, Sir John Eliot. His Lordship has very generously taken the opportunity of the very first living of any consequence that was in his power, and given it to me, expressly as a tribute to the memory of his much-respected friend. The living is situated in the midst of a rich manufacturing country, has a glebe of an hundred and fifteen English acres lying along the side of the river Bann, and the greatest part of that glebe may be let, at an advanced rent, to bleachers, who cover the banks of that river with their valuable manufacture; there is likewise a house, extensive garden, and offices, built by my predecessor, a gentleman of large fortune, so that I hope this living, together with that I had from the late Bishop of Down, and which I still retain, will afford a comfortable provision for my family, which is still, almost annually, increasing in number.

“I have likewise the pleasure of acquainting you, that the Bishop of Dromore and his family enjoy, in general, very good health; and it is barely justice to his Lordship to add, that no Bishop in this kingdom exercises the various functions of his office with more ability, diligence, and universal approbation. This is not the partial voice of a person obliged, but it is the sense of the great body of the people, whom he has reconciled, in this neighbourhood, to the otherwise invidious order of Bishops, by the regularity he has introduced into every part of a much deranged diocese, the employment of a numerous poor, encouragement of manufactories, and various improvements in the country around him; but, especially, he has bestowed a more particular attention on the education of the children of the poorer sort, and on the establishment of schools of

every sort in all parts of his diocese. I have the honour to be, Sir,

“Your obedient and humble servant,

“WM. STURROCK.”

“To James Macpherson, Esq. Norfolk-street, Strand.”

Sir JOHN HAWKINS * to Bp. PERCY.

“MY LORD,

Great Sanctuary, Westminster,
8th December, 1786.

“Your letter, though dated 14th November, came not to hand till the 27th, and, as I learned, too late for me to send the books by the ship therein mentioned; but of this hereafter.

“I am extremely glad to find that you and your family are settled so much to your liking, and that you are far removed from those mischiefs of which we receive almost daily accounts in the public papers. I am more particularly pleased to be informed that you are in a country that gives you encouragement in the discharge of your pastoral office, and that you have been able to erect such monuments of your zeal as churches are.

“In such a situation, you are capable of enjoying pleasures that, in this country, every thinking man is a stranger to—religion, operating upon the minds of men, and manifesting its influence in their general behaviour and intercourse with each other, in an orderly submission to law and government, in the exercises of industry, and an abstinence from criminal gratifications.

“The reverse of this is the case in England. The spirit of luxury rages here with greater violence than ever. The bands of society are dissolved; laws are infringed as soon as enacted; the coin of the realm is counterfeited and adulterated to a degree never known; places of public diversion are daily increasing; the great articles of trade in the metropolis are superfluities, mock-plate, toys, perfumery, millinery, prints, and music; so that were you to be here, and pass from Charing Cross to the Exchange, you would be astonished at the different appearance London makes from what it did ten years ago.

“Besides this, the sense of religion seems to be nearly extinct among us; few, except the Methodists, pretend

* Sir John Hawkins died May 21, 1789, aged 70. A long memoir of him is given in Chalmers's Biographical Dictionary; and notices in Literary Anecdotes, vol. VII. pp. 172, 588.

to it; and the middle rank of the people, formerly esteemed the most virtuous, have contracted the habits of the upper. Tradesmen keep mistresses, and avow it; and the new buildings in the suburbs are harbours for women, who are visited by people from the city: to all which I add, that rapine and plunder have made almost every kind of property insecure, and that those that live by it acquire wealth, and become proprietors in the funds. The judges are tired of pronouncing sentence on capital offenders; executions yearly increase in numbers; and, at this time, upwards of a thousand felons are consigned to banishment.

"I mention these particulars, that you may be able to estimate the felicity you enjoy in a situation that conceals from your view the degeneracy of our manners, and gives no occasion for those painful reflections and sad presages that here disturb the minds of all who are concerned for the good of posterity.

"You express a wish for literary communications: I have little to send you. I have finished Dr. Johnson's Life. It is printed, and makes upwards of six hundred octavo pages; that and his Works make eleven volumes; they will be out early in the spring.

"By the newspaper I shall send you in a parcel of books, you will see that a new edition of Shakespeare is proposed to be published. I think the undertaking an extravagant one, and doubt of its success.

"I am now retired from my public station, and am occupied in such studies as become a man who has passed his grand climacteric nearly five years; your commission respecting Bishop Taylor's Works I have therefore executed with great pleasure and very little trouble, and shall commit to Mr. Dodsley's care such books of his as I think most valuable; these are, his 'Sermons,' his 'Polemical Discourses,' and his 'Ductor Dubitantium,' in the latter whereof, page 89, you will find the story on which Mr. Walpole's tragedy, 'The Mysterious Mother,' is founded. His notion of it is, that it was a case of conscience propounded to Archbishop Tillotson, but you will see he is mistaken. Neither is the relation in the 'Ductor Dubitantium' to be credited; for I find the same in Luther's 'Colloquia Mensalia,' who says, that he knew the parties, and that they dwelt at Erfurth.

"Among the 'Polemical Discourses' you will find a Preface to an Apology for Set Forms of Liturgy; a most

admirable discourse indeed; it is also prefixed to a Collection of Divine Offices composed by the Bishop to supply the want of the Liturgy during the Usurpation. In a visit which the Bishop of Worcester* made me, I read to him some passages from it, and he begged the book of me and gave it to the King.

“The above are the chief of Bishop Taylor’s Works. His ‘Holy Living and Dying’ I must suppose you have.

“I have presumed to exceed my commission, and to the above books have added three folio volumes containing the Works of Dr. Thomas Jackson, a divine of the last age, now forgotten, but of the first eminence in his time. They are a treasure of curious and valuable learning and sound theology, and for strength of argument, and the style of writing, which is nervous and eloquent in a high degree, are, in my judgment, admirable. Mr. Merrick, the translator of Tryphiodorus, and who has finely paraphrased the Psalms, was so zealous in recommending this book in Oxford, that he raised the price to nearly three times what you will see I paid for it.

“Francis Barber is an exceeding worthless fellow. He is gone to reside at Lichfield, and I have settled my account with him. He has your bond, indorsed whereon is a receipt for the interest, which I made him sign, referring to the receipt that you inquire about, and have put it into the ‘Ductor Dubitantium.’

“I must retract what I have above said concerning the proposed edition of Shakespeare, having just heard that two hundred subscriptions have been received, and as many more are expected in the space of a week.

“It was mentioned to me at Northumberland House, some time ago, that there was a chance of your visiting England. I should be glad to hear that expectation confirmed; till then, believe that every information I can receive from you touching the welfare and happiness of yourself and family will afford me singular pleasure.

“My wife and daughter present their best respects to Mrs. Percy and the young ladies. My sons do the same to you and them. My eldest,† though in great business, has been employed nearly ten years on an edition of the old comedy of ‘Ignoramus,’ with copious and very learned

* Dr. Hurd.

† John Sydney Hawkins, esq. F.S.A. He died Aug. 12, 1842. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag. N. S.* vol. XVIII. p. 662.

notes, a life of an hundred pages of the author, and a glossary. It will be out early in the spring. I have the honour to be, with the truest esteem,

“Your Lordship’s obedient humble servant,

“JOHN HAWKINS.

“MY LORD,

Great Sanctuary, Westminster,
10th May, 1787.

“I have made it my business to seek after the books you want, but to complete your list would take me up many years. I have, however, found for you, at a very cheap rate, the two Liturgies of Edward VI. one of them perfected by writing, the other wanting only a leaf, which you may easily supply. Think yourself lucky, for they both come at less than twenty shillings, and either, in good condition, would fetch from a guinea and a half to two guineas. Two Liturgical Tracts I have also picked up for a trifle. I have given a copy of your list to Dr. Lort.

“I have compared Ritson’s ‘Remarks’ with the ‘Reliques,’ and think so ill of them and the author, that I cannot suggest a wish that your Lordship would alter anything in the next edition. All that can be supposed he has done is, that he has made use of copies of old ballads, different from, and, probably, less authentic than yours; therefore, to follow his corrections, would, in my opinion, be a very futile labour.

“I know somewhat of the man; he is a conceited and very impudent fellow, totally ignorant of good manners, regardless of decorum, as appears in the tenth page of his Preface, and of no account among men of literature. I shall therefore return the ‘Reliques’ to Dodsley, with this censure of him and his work.

“I have given to the world Dr. Johnson’s Works in eleven volumes, including one of his Life, which is also printed separately. The Life alone is already out of print. I am preparing another edition for the press, with some additions. My son has just published his ‘Ignoramus,’ and made it a fine book.

“I delivered your bond to Francis Barber in August last, the time I settled with him. His residence is at Lichfield.

“Your Lordship has doubtless heard of the late attempt of the Dissenters at a repeal of the Test Act, and that it failed, but failed by such a number of votes against the

repeal as has encouraged Dr. Priestley, in terms more impudent than can be conceived, to declare in print that they will never cease their endeavours till, in effect, our national church is level with the ground. May God avert their designs! but I fear much from the indolence and ignorance of those whose duty it is to protect our religious and civil establishment—our representatives, few of whom seem to understand or appear to have studied the controversy between us and the enemies of both; a subject in which our adversaries are expert.

“The few books I have been able to collect for you, I have committed to the care of Mr. Dodsley. The prices I paid for them are as follows:

First Liturgy	7s. 6d.
Second	10 6
Liturgy of the Ancients considered	1 6
Liturgy on the Universal Principles, &c.	0 6

“As our newspapers have for some time ceased to give accounts of those horrid transactions that have long disturbed the peace of your country, I hope the exertions mentioned in your last letter have put a stop to them, and shall be well pleased to hear that public tranquillity is restored.

“If any call of business should induce your Lordship to cross the sea, it will be a great happiness to me and my whole family to see you and as many of yours as shall accompany you. Our respects and best wishes attend you all.

“I have the honour to be, with great truth and esteem, your Lordship’s sincere friend and humble servant,

“JOHN HAWKINS.”

“MY LORD,

Great Sanctuary, Westminster,
9th November, 1787.

“I had sent the parcel containing the Liturgies of Edward VI. &c. to Mr. Dodsley’s, and, upon the receipt of your letter of 6th Oct. gave him the directions for forwarding it therein contained; since which, he informs me that Mr. Taylor refuses to take charge of it, having, as he says, no correspondence with Mr. Sleater of Dublin.

“In the last edition of your *Reliques*, vol. I. 305, I find a passage that must by no means stand in any future one: it is a reference to what you term Birde’s *Bassus*.

This is an indefinite designation: most music books of old were printed in separate books, that is to say, in parts and not in score; these were for performance, and not for study, and were entitled Cantus, Altus, Discantus, Tenor, Bassus, &c. to direct the distribution of them among the several voices. Your reference must therefore be to the title of the book, which you will, no doubt, find in my History of Music, vol. I. 286; it may possibly be either the first or the third article there mentioned. I must remark to you that Dr. Ward, in his Lives of the Gresham Professors, page 200, in note, has made a mistake of the like nature in the use of the word *Discantus*, which, had he known it, he would have regretted to the end of his days.

"In the former edition of your book, vol. III. at the end of the Essay, you did me the honour to mention my work as not then completed. If your Lordship shall in the next think proper to notice it, you will please to do it in such terms as the actual publication of it makes necessary. Voluminous as it is, it is growing scarce, and has found its way into many of the best libraries in this kingdom.

"The 'Ignoramus' has been published near six months, and has met with a reception that exceeds my son's most sanguine hopes.

"The distance of our situations and the consequent suspension of personal intercourse does not lessen the interest myself and my family take in whatever concerns yours. My wife, my sons, and my daughter beg to join in respectful compliments to your Lordship, Mrs. Percy, and the young ladies, with

"Your Lordship's very humble servant,

"JOHN HAWKINS."

1787—1790.

Miss CHARLOTTE BROOKE* to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD, Great George Street North, No. 20,
June 6th, 1787.

"As the address of a stranger stands in need of apology, I will avail myself of the best and truest that I can possi-

* Miss Brooke was the daughter of Henry Brooke, Esq. the celebrated Novelist and Dramatic Writer. She published "Reliques of Irish Poetry, translated into English Verse, with Notes. To which is added, Maon, an Irish Tale," Dublin, 1789, 4to. (commended in Monthly Review, IV. 37); "Dialogues between a Lady and her Pupils, describing a Journey

bly plead, the claims of genius upon distinguished taste, and of distress upon distinguished humanity. The genius, indeed, was my father's, but the distress, alas ! is my own.

"The child of the author of *Gustavus Vasa*—suddenly reduced from independence to the apprehension of being compelled to exert for support the little female talents which her honoured father fondly cultivated with a view to endear the connections of friendship, and adorn the retirements of life—now entreats your Lordship's attention to a short and simple narration of facts.

"At my father's death, my fortune was equal to the moderate wishes of its possessor, but the principal part of it was engulfed in the unhappy failure of Captain Brooke, and the rest is just now lost by the bankruptcy of a trader in whose hands it was placed at interest.

"In this distress I have been advised to apply for an appointment to the care of the Royal Irish Academy House; several of the leading members have already promised me their interest, and I am flattered with some hopes of success, but those hopes would be confirmed by the addition of your Lordship's influence.

"A failure in this application would, to me, be a dreadful disappointment, as my sex, disposition, and constitution are all unfavourable to any effectual efforts of my own for support. Like a young plant, early shaken by the tempest, before it had root enough to brave the storm, my health was hurt even in childhood by the grief of seeing the gradual and painful decline of an almost worshipped father; and the education which he gave me, and the disposition I inherit from him, are rather calculated to make me feel adversity than struggle with it; for, born in his old age, I am the child of his feelings, but not of his abilities.

"May I flatter myself that, in favour of the memory of this great and good man, your Lordship will have the goodness to excuse the liberty I take in requesting your influence with the Academy in my behalf, and permit me to have the honour of subscribing myself, with every sentiment of esteem,

"Your Lordship's most obedient humble servant,

"CHARLOTTE BROOKE."

through England and Wales; with a detail of the different cities and towns, and observations and descriptions of Natural History," 1796, 8vo; "*Emma, or the Foundling of the Wood,*" a Novel, 1803, 12mo. Miss Brooke is spoken of in the letters of J. C. Walker, Esq. to Bp. Percy, see vol. VII. pp. 707, 708.

"MY LORD,

Great George Street North, No. 20,
June 23, 1787.

"I have heard with more gratitude than I have words to express, of the very kind and generous zeal with which you supported my cause, on last Monday night, in the Academy. Presuming on your goodness, I take the liberty of enclosing to your Lordship two letters, the perusal of which may throw some light on the subject.

"By mistake, one of my short circular notes of application was, it seems, directed to Mr. Kearny, who is (with Mr. Stack) the chief opposition I have to fear in the Academy; the enclosed, directed to me, is his answer. Upon consulting some friends, I was advised to reply to it, which I did, and enclose a copy of it for your Lordship's inspection. From the information of several friends, I understood that Mr. Kearny wrote more from his party than from himself, and that he wished to deter me, if possible, from any further pursuit of a point which he saw me likely to carry. Dr. Stack also (unsolicited) urged me to accept of the place of tutoress in a nobleman's family of this kingdom, hoping I suppose, by that proposal, at once to humble and get me out of the way. To the hand of Heaven I am ready to submit, but Mr. Stack presumes to anticipate its decrees. His proposal, however, as well as Mr. Kearny's letter, was just the contrivance of the party; therefore it is that I took notice of it in my answer to Mr. Kearny. Mr. Stack first promised my friends in the most positive manner to use all his interest in my favour, and afterwards, without a pretension of any cause, he deserted to Mr. Baggs. He was not worth my notice, after such conduct, and so I let him speak and write unheeded, but I was advised to answer Mr. Kearny's letter, for fear his party should think me intimidated. Shall I trouble your Lordship to return the enclosed as soon in the morning as is convenient?

"Next Monday, I hope you will meet a good number of my friends in the Academy. The Chief Baron,* Solicitor General, Lord Earlsfort, and several more of the first men in the society, have promised me their interest, and will attend when they think their presence likely to serve me. A very few advocates like your Lordship could not fail to ensure my success, but I much fear the decision will be put off until after the summer recess, and that will be a long while to remain in uncertainty. I fear also,

* Rt. Hon. Barry Yelverton.

that, in this idea, my friends may be led to think their presence in the Society useless to my interest till the period of decision arrives; but your Lordship, who was present at the last meeting, doubtless saw how expedient the support of my friends will be at every meeting till the appointment takes place.

"If I make no apology for troubling your Lordship with this second address, believe me, it is not presumption, but a sense of your goodness which makes me think it unnecessary, and that I am, with a truly grateful heart,

"Your Lordship's most obliged and obedient humble servant,
CHARLOTTE BROOKE."

"MY LORD,

Dorset Street, No. 21, June 6th.

"As your Lordship has already proved the kind interest which you take in my little concerns, I beg leave to impart to your Lordship a plan which was proposed to me by Judge Hellen* and Mr. Trant, two gentlemen whose friendship and judgment make their opinion decisive with me.

"They have almost persuaded me into a belief that it may be in my power to rescue from oblivion at least some portion of the native beauties of the language and genius of this neglected country: they wish me to translate into English verse some of our fine Irish manuscripts, which, for want of such translation, are unknown to the world, and they will kindly take upon themselves the care of the publication, which, they say, shall be by subscription.

"I have already advanced pretty far in my work.† I have translated several manuscripts which appeared to me to be possessed of considerable poetical merit, and I have the pleasure of seeing the first timid efforts of my pen approved of; the only fear is, that the judgment and taste of my friends may be biassed by too kind a partiality to my little productions.

"From the beautiful proofs of your Lordship's genius in a similar, but more splendid path, I doubt not but you will kindly take an humble fellow-traveller by the hand; and from your extensive knowledge of antiquity, and acquaintance among men of literature, I have hope that it may be in your Lordship's power to enrich my store of materials with such originals as may assist the efforts of

* Robert Hellen, esq. 2d justice of the Common Pleas. He died at Dublin, June 23, 1793.

† Reliques of Irish Poetry.

an unpractised muse; indeed, I find it very difficult to procure any manuscripts that are worthy of translation, and my stock is now nearly out.

“Your Lordship will, I dare say, be surprised to hear that I have given up all thoughts of the Academy. In consequence of some violent steps which were taken to oppose me, against the rules of the Society, the rest of the members felt themselves ill-treated, and expressed their sense of the transaction with so much warmth in the Academy, that I was greatly grieved and alarmed. It hurt me extremely to think that any interest of mine should disturb the peace of a Society I respect; and still more did it distress me that any friend of mine should make enemies on my account.

“Lord Charlemont at first professed total neutrality, and it was not till very lately I suspected that he had changed his mind. To satisfy myself thoroughly upon that subject, I wrote to his Lordship, expressed my concern at the dissensions that my claims had occasioned in his Society, requested his advice and opinion how I might best remove the mischief I had innocently occasioned, and assured him that, if there was no other way of doing it, I was ready to resign my pretensions rather than continue the dissensions I lamented, or oppose his Lordship’s inclinations. I received an answer that convinced me he was immovably my opponent, and so, for peace sake, I returned a few lines to resign entirely my claim.

“Lord Charlemont, whether he now remembers it or not, was once my father’s friend; as such, I cannot but respect him, even though he should injure me; I know that some enemies have endeavoured to bias his mind against me, and how I have provoked their resentment is really a mystery to me; for I can with truth declare that I have neither done, said, or written anything that could give offence to the most irritable nature, except that one letter to Dr. Kearny, which your Lordship saw, and which was (I fear purposely) extorted from me by circumstances of aggravated provocation. But I trust that, now I have resigned my pretensions to the Academy, they will in future forget their enmity, nor seek any longer to injure me in the opinion of those whose esteem I value even more than the fortune I have lost.

“I fear this long epistle has trespassed on your Lordship’s patience, but I thought it a duty I owed to your kindness, as well as my own interest, to explain the

motives of my conduct, as well as to impart the plan which my friends proposed to my consideration.

“With every sentiment of grateful esteem, I have the honour to be, my Lord,

“Your Lordship’s much obliged and most respectful
humble servant,
CHARLOTTE BROOKE.”

“MY LORD,

Granard, December 19th, 1790.

“I have the honour to enclose to your Lordship a printed plan of a work which has long been very near my heart, but which, till lately, I had not the power to execute.

“The philanthropy of your Lordship’s disposition will, I am assured, dispose you to interest yourself in the success of an undertaking, which intends at least the general happiness of humankind. As to myself, I have no personal interest in it, but what may result from the pleasure I shall receive in seeing the efforts of so inconsiderable an individual as I am become useful, in any degree, to my fellow-creatures.

“It is not very long since I addressed your Lordship on my own account, for the favour of your influence. Though the majority of the Royal Academy were adverse to my suit, yet I cannot forget that your Lordship was most friendly to it.

“I have now the pleasure to inform you that Providence has been pleased to restore me a competence; and that, at least in a freedom from want, and from ambition, I am rich; this will account for my having the power to bestow any profits arising from the enclosed in charity. I am, my Lord, with true esteem,

“Your Lordship’s much obliged and most obedient
servant,
CHARLOTTE BROOKE.”

1787—1788.

Rev. Dr. BARRETT* to Bp. PERCY.

“MY LORD,

Trinity College, Dublin, May 26, 1787.

“I return your Lordship many thanks, for the favour of your letter, and for the very valuable copy of the Gothic Gospels, which you was so good as to lend me, and which

* Rev. John Barrett, D.D. Vice Provost and Professor of Oriental Languages in Trinity College, Dublin. He published a portion of St. Matthew’s Gospel, from a MS. discovered by him, in Trinity College, Dublin; “An Enquiry into the Origin of the Constellations that compose the Zodiac, and the uses they were intended to promote,” 1800, 8vo. “Essay on the

I received yesterday. I have been enabled by the help of it to detect several errors, respecting the readings of this version, in Wetstein's collation; and which I believe were chiefly owing to the imperfect state in which this version had been published before Mr. Lye's edition. It has also enabled me to observe a great conformity in the readings of this version and of the College MS.; the greatest difference between them being in the Lord's Prayer. And it will give your Lordship a very sensible pleasure to hear that the Coll. MS. may be of use in supplying deficiencies in the Codex Argenteus. For the Coll. MS. supplies several places in the 1st, 2nd, and 4th chapters, whereas the Codex Argenteus does not begin until the 15th verse of the 5th chapter; and it wants all between chapter 11, ver. 25, and chapter 26, ver. 71, being the greatest part of St. Matthew. Now between these two last places the Coll. MS. supplies more than 150 verses; in all which the readings of the Codex Argenteus are totally lost. It also supplies three or four verses in the 1st chapter which are lost in Beza's MS., and about seventeen verses in the 7th and 8th chapters, which two chapters are entirely wanting in Beza's MS. I am very glad to find that the University of Cambridge will publish this MS., between which and the Coll. MS. a most surprising agreement will be found in many places.

"I have been chiefly employed of late in collecting all the evidences I can find that may be useful in helping us to form some conjectures respecting its age, and when you come to town will take the earliest opportunity of submitting them to your Lordship; and am, my Lord,

"Your much obliged and most obedient humble servant,

"J. BARRETT.

"P.S. It is a very extraordinary chance, that the Coll. MS. should just end at chapter 26, ver. 71, and the Codex Argenteus should begin at that very verse, after a long chasm from the 11th chapter, in which it wants upwards of one half of the Gospel. I believe that Dr. Lort wished to find in Beza's MS. an A similar to the A in our MS.; and I think that it would be most likely to be found in a MS. of the Bodleian, which was given by Archbishop Laud, and contains the Acts, and which belonged to Vene-

earlier part of the Life of Swift, with several original pieces ascribed to him," 1808, 8vo. (inserted in Mr. Nichols's Edition of the Dean's Works, 1808.) Dr. Barrett died Nov. 15, 1821. See full Memoirs of him in Gent. Mag. XC1. ii. 472, 642.

rable Bede in the seventh century. This MS. Wetstein thinks to be of the seventh century, and one would be apt to think it was later than the Alexandrian; Mr. Astle places it to the fifth century, and seems to think it more ancient than Beza's MS. which last Wetstein thinks to be the most ancient of them all."

"MY LORD, Trinity College, Dublin, January 31, 1788.

"I had the honour of your letter of Monday, and return many thanks to your Lordship and Sir Cosslet Stothard for the rattle-snake, which I received on Tuesday evening. It will make a valuable addition to our collection of Natural History, as we had no creature of that kind in it; and I took care that it should be immediately put in spirits, and an account of the benefaction entered in the book which Mr. Hamilton keeps for that purpose.

"As your Lordship takes a particular pleasure in everything which may be serviceable to the cause of religion, or tends to the advancement of science, I take the liberty of informing you that I have almost finished the transcribing of the MS., having completed fifty pages out of the sixty-four which compose it. These I did all in the last summer, and nothing but the intervention of my college business prevented my finishing it entirely. I shall shortly resume it again. Mr. Coxe, the famous traveller, who has examined and described the Codex Argenteus in the third volume of his Travels, has seen our MS. He immediately pronounced, of his own accord, that the leaves of it were exactly of the same colour with those in the Codex Argenteus; and also told Mr. Kirwan, of the Royal Irish Academy, who accompanied him, that he was almost sure the letters had been once either gold or silver; and that he thought it not improbable but it might be part of a MS. which had been even of the fourth century. Another person, a Swede, who came also with Mr. Kirwan and Dr. Hales, affirmed the same thing with respect to the colour of the leaves.

Dr. Hales lent me a late work of Mr. Griesbach, printed in 1785, in which he has corrected many errors of Wetstein, and given us his own observations on the different MSS. and their various readings. The MSS. which he most approves are those marked by Wetstein C and L, (the first being that called Ephrem* in my paper, and one

* This is the celebrated *Codex Ephraemi rescriptus*, at Paris, of which a facsimile edition was published by Dr. C. Tischendorf, 4to, Lips. 1843-5—F. M.

of the three most ancient; the second, a MS. of the ninth century,) because he finds that they preserve the readings of Origen's celebrated edition made in the third century. The Testament of Beza (marked D by Wetstein) he considers as preserving the readings of an edition equally ancient, but made in the West; for he finds this to agree best with the Western Fathers and the Western Versions, as the former do with the Eastern Fathers and Versions. And he concludes that the most ancient, and probably the true readings, are those where D agrees with the two first mentioned, as this agreement can arise only from the original, common to all three. Now of such readings the number is very great in our MS.; and I might almost venture to say, that, where all those agree with each other, it does everywhere agree with them. In the nineteenth chapter, Wetstein gives, within the compass of about two verses, five readings of Origen, and four of them are found in our MS. It agrees equally well in other places also. It has also not a few, I believe, hitherto unobserved.

"When your Lordship comes to town, I shall do myself the pleasure to wait on you, and hope to be able to produce a complete transcript of the whole; and am, my Lord, your most obedient, humble servant,

"J. BARRETT."

1787.

SIR JOSEPH BANKS* to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Soho Square, June 24, 1787.

"My friend, Mr. Kirwan, † whose literary pursuits and whose success, especially in the chemical line, are known and acknowledged through all Europe, having expressed a wish to be introduced to the literati of Ireland, I have taken the liberty to request your Lordship's good opinion of him, confident that, on acquaintance, you will find him, as I have done in a long acquaintance, much to be esteemed both as a gentleman and a man of letters. I have the honour to be, your Lordship's faithful servant,

"JOS. BANKS."

* This eminent patron of literature died June 19, 1820, in his 80th year. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* XC. i. 574, 637; notices of him in *Literary Anecdotes*, VII. 20, 509; *Literary Illustrations*, General Index; and a list of his writings in *Watt's Bibliotheca Britannica*, p. 69.

† Richard Kirwan, esq. of Gregg, co. Galway, F.R.S. President of the Dublin Irish Academy, President of the Dublin Literary Society, and member of almost every literary society of Europe, died in Dublin June 22, 1812. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* LXXXII. ii. 198.

THOMAS PERCY,* Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

“ My HONOURED LORD, Epping Forest, August 8, 1787.

“ Your kindness made you forgive the fewness of my letters, when I was in ill health and spirits ; now I am better in both, it will excuse me, though, by way of atonement, I should fall into the other extreme. I am now at home for the long vacation, and, as I shall have a great deal of time on my hands, I wish to submit my economy of it to your opinion. The more I think upon such subjects, the more I am persuaded that the most useful studies are also the most necessary ; and that this rule may be extended even to poetry, which is many degrees further than the generality of mankind do extend it. The vulgar idea of a poet, is a man who must read, write, and be fit for nothing but poetry ; he must mind to have something poetically singular in his dress, to keep his books and papers in places where it is impossible to find them, and, as he values his reputation, not to know a word that is said in a room full of company. Upon what principle can this be founded ? I fear, upon the very absurdone, that common sense is incompatible with poetry. And yet this same poet is less abstracted than he would be thought, or would perhaps think himself : he can search out a rhyme, or a word with a certain number of syllables, as mechanically as a merchant casts up a sum in his counting-house. When the fit is off, he can mend his pen, and trace out a fairer copy for his friends with abundant composure ; and probably he will find phlegm enough to regulate the commas and points in the tedious corrections of the press. If then he can descend from his visionary heaven in so many instances, what should hinder him from getting a little earthly knowledge ? The study of the world might furnish him with characters ; that of natural philosophy would certainly enlarge his conceptions ; that of logic discriminate his ideas ; and even the seemingly unpromising mathematics, contribute some propriety and unity to his conceptions. The conversations which I have had on this subject with Mr. Croft* have left me in this opinion, and indeed never found me in a very opposite one. He has kindly given me a few memoranda concerning my pursuits in this vacation. A principal one

* Nephew of Bishop Percy, afterwards D.D. See *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. pp. 54, 192.

† Probably the Rev. Herbert Croft, afterwards Baronet. See portrait, memoir, and letters, of him in *Literary Illustrations*, vol. V. p. 202—218.

is to be arithmetic, of which I should take shame to myself to be longer ignorant; for all my knowledge at present goes no further than addition and a little of subtraction. When I left Merchant Taylors' School, I had been so little in the habit of Latin verse as scarcely to be able to write ten hexameter lines. At Oxford I saw that one of the principal honours of the place was only to be gained by a very perfect and classical acquaintance with it. Since the improvement of my health I have made Virgil my pocket-book, and have succeeded so far as to find my ear attuned to his harmony, and my thoughts rather more easily adapted to his expression. The last copy of verses I gave up pleased my tutor so well that he advised me to cultivate a turn for Latin poetry, with a view to the prize. Mr. Croft has added his encouragement. Much is indeed to be done, but yet in such a cause I would be content to do much. He advises me to make myself intimately acquainted with Virgil in preference to all the other Latin poets; and this advice I intend to follow unremittingly all this vacation, and in a great degree till the subject for the prize be given out, which will be in next February. This attention is not to exclude other designs. I am to read with care whilst at home an abridgment of Locke's Essay, and to form an abridgment for myself of Watts's Improvement of the Mind. I wish to pay some attention to my handwriting, and, if I can, improve it by writing carefully. This is the outline of the plan I have received from Mr. Croft, and I hope to have resolution enough, as I am sure I have inclination, to pursue whatever may be judged necessary, even were it less pleasant than the greater part of these intentions appears to be.

"I beg my kind respects to my aunt and cousins, and am, my honoured Lord, with the truest respect and gratitude, your Lordship's obliged and affectionate nephew,

"THO. PERCY."

Dr. STOCK * to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Lusk, Oct. 20, 1787.

"I beg to express my earnest thanks for the great trouble your Lordship has given yourself in sending me

* Joseph Stock, D.D. Bishop of Killala. He published "The Book of the Prophet Isaiah in Hebrew and English; the Hebrew text metrically arranged; the translation altered from that of Bishop Lowth," 1804, 4to.—"The Book of

so much valuable information. Nothing certainly is more wanting to the right statement of our business with the Dissenters than the Census your Lordship mentions; and of which you have set a precedent in your diocese. One strong fact outweighs a multitude of plausible arguments; and I am convinced, if the Bishops will be pleased to follow your Lordship's example in this investigation, the event will turn out most favourable to our cause. I mean to apply immediately to the Bishops of Cloyne and Waterford, with whom if I succeed, as to obtaining the numbers of their dissenting congregations, I may then proceed to the other prelates. Sleater's Abstract, I should think, would be improved by your Lordship's hint, which I shall mention to him. Robinson's and Priestley's papers I shall hope to see, when you come next to town: at present I am very busy with Tacitus. I dread a reply from Dr. Campbell, not because I fear his reasoning, but that I am really too much engaged in other business to give much of my time to controversy. The college wants this edition of Tacitus very much, copies of that author being exceedingly scarce here. Yet I did step aside into the paths of controversy, very lately, with a writer who calls himself an Unbiased Irishman. The dispute began with an attack from him on my private character. I answered in Sleater: he replied, and in part recanted, in the *Hibernian*. Two private letters have since passed between us; and the affair ended with his declaring himself quite satisfied with me; and that he should not in future readily entertain any opinion unfavourable to Dr. Stock. Soft words do much: I wish none else had ever fallen from the advocates of our cause. Who this unbiased Irishman is, I really am ignorant; but he possesses abilities, and a better style than any other writer on that side. I have got from London a neat copy, at your Lordship's service, of the 'Sufferings of the Quakers.' My friend Malone tells me, he will see my Pamphlet reprinted by Cadell: there is no talk here of its coming to another edition.

JOSEPH STOCK."

Job, metrically arranged, according to the Massora, and newly translated into English; with Notes, and accompanied by the authorised English Version," Bath, 4to, 1805. Dr. Stock, Bishop of Waterford, to which see he had been promoted, died Aug. 13, 1813, aged 77. He was an excellent scholar, and much esteemed for his urbanity of manners. He was Bishop of Killala at the time the French landed. General Humbert established his head-quarters at the Bishop's Palace, and took his Lordship's family as hostages. Bishop Stock wrote a narrative of the proceedings, the language and sentiment of which display great philanthropy, candour, and liberality.

THOMAS STOTT, Esq. * to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Nov. 27, 1787.

"The bearer takes back the volume of newspapers with the other book you were so good to lend me. In return, I have to beg your Lordship's acceptance of the inclosed verses and my best thanks. You will perceive they allude to some others I formerly wrote on the same subject, and are designed, in some measure, as a counterpart to them.

"I am very respectfully, your Lordship's obliged and very humble servant,

"THO. STOTT."

CARMEN DROMORIENSE,—CREDITOR.

When late Dromore provok'd the muse's skill,
Satire directed her dissembling quill ;
But now she drops the mask, and, undisguised,
Commends as freely as she then chastis'd.
Th' account, for value given, that's debtor made,
Ought to get credit too for what is paid ;
And when the balance shews the sides are even,
A full receipt should cheerfully be given.—
Thus shall the Muse, amendment's fair amount,
Dromore, still gladly credit thy account,
Hoping at length to cancel every score,
And see the day when thou shalt owe no more.

Hail ! Decency, by thee unaided, Art
In vain attempts to captivate the heart ;
Tawdry, without thee, she may strike the sight,
Oft to disgust, but never to delight.
To thee each house and hamlet owes its charm,
That decks the village, or adorns the farm ;
The pompous city our abhorrence meets,
Unless thy influence bless the cleanly streets ;
Ev'n to the minds and manners of man's race,
Thou giv'st a pleasing, a peculiar grace ;
And our regard the peer or peasant draws,
Proportionate, as they observe thy laws ;
Her pow'r bright beauty heightens in degree
As she conforms, fair Decency, to thee ;
And health, that blessing all so dearly prize,
Thy salutary sway supports, supplies.—
—But stop, my Muse, the fond digressive lay,
And decently thy theme attention pay.

See ancient Lagan from his oozy bed
Rejoicing raise his venerable head,
The strong sensations of paternal love
With exultation his old bosom move,
As he beholds the ruin'd wall repair'd,
The causeway mended, or the new roof rear'd ;
The stately front, or gable trimm'd anew,
In whitewash'd grandeur glittering on the view ;
The pendant sign, with gay device pourtray'd,
The merchant's motto o'er the door display'd ;

* See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 174.

While the clean streets (a thing unseen before)
 With filth and rubbish scandalize no more ;
 Save in the suburbs, where some lazy poor
 Still suffer dunghills to pollute the door ;—
 But, as improvement moves by slow degrees,
 'Tis hop'd in time 't will even reach to these.

And here, Dromore, her just applause the Muse
 Thy present worthy Bishop can't refuse ;
 Anxious thy interest always to promote,
 (By former prelates overlook'd, forgot,)
 How gladly does he each advantage seize,
 Thy welfare to advance in various ways ;
 That object to attain no pains he spares,
 But freely both his cash and counsel shares.
 With this, too, his humanity keeps pace,
 Which to the mitre gives superior grace ;
 He condescends t' instruct the ignorant,
 Among the sad, forsaken tribes of want ;
 Virtue's great precepts on the mind t' impress,
 Of the neglected offspring of distress ;
 The giddy wanderer to reduce to rule,
 And teach him wisdom in his Sunday School.—
 Blest institution ! to the bounds of time
 May it endure, and flourish in each clime !
 Till ignorance, with her attendant train
 Of crimes, no more the Christian annals stain ;
 Till virtue's light each dark recess pervade,
 And sin be buried in oblivion's shade.

T. STOTT.

Nov. 27, 1787.

1788.

EDWARD JERNINGHAM, * Esq. to Bishop Percy.

"Green Street, Grosvenor Square, London, Jan. 26, 1788.

"Mr. Jerningham presents his respectful compliments to the Bishop of Dromore. Begs he will do him the honour of accepting his Poem."

"The Bishop of Dromore returns his very sincere respects to Mr. Jerningham, and desires he will accept his best thanks for the most obliging present of his Poem on Enthusiasm, which he has just now received, and which is written in the true spirit of his subject: the Bishop knows not which to admire most, the glowing imagination or liberal sentiments of the Author; who does the Bishop very great honour, by remembering him at this remote distance, and by allowing him so early an entertainment in

* This elegant Poet was born in 1727, and died Nov. 17, 1812, in Green-street, Grosvenor-square, in his 75th year. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* for March, 1813, p. 283. And a list of his writings in *Watt's Bibliotheca*, II. 546.

forwarding his Poem, which otherwise would not have reached him for a long time."

"Grosvenor Square, June 10, 1788.

"I take the opportunity offered me by Lord Carlow, of begging your Lordship's acceptance of my Poem.

"I have the honour to be, with great esteem, your Lordship's obedient humble servant.

"EDWD. JERNINGHAM."

REV. ANDREW GREENFIELD to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Moirs, April 5, 1788.

"I have lately finished the rough draught of two acts of a tragedy, founded on "Le Mariage de Vengeance," a novel in Gil Blas, the same, as I have but just recollected, that Thomson chose for his 'Tancred and Sigismunda.' This play I have not read since I was a boy, and never happened to see represented: but, as Thomson shines vastly more as a descriptive poet than a dramatic, I am not quite intimidated, but should be extremely happy to be favoured with the decision of a much better judgment than my own.

"It can be no compliment to say that your Lordship's very eminent taste and talents, together with your well-known goodness, point you naturally out as the person whose opinion would at once determine me either to proceed, or to save my time and trouble.

"I shall therefore, if permitted, either bring or send a corrected copy of the two acts about the end of next week, and shall esteem your critical perusal of them a very great obligation. My chief view in this attempt is to do something for an increasing family, if it may be done without discredit, especially as I could find friends in London to patronise any thing that was pronounced tolerable by good judges.

"Your very dutiful and obliged humble servant,

"ANDREW GREENFIELD."

"MY LORD,

Moirs, April 10, 1788.

"It is with great diffidence as well as gratitude, that I avail myself of your Lordship's very obliging permission to trouble you with the dramatic attempt, which ac-

companies this, with all its imperfections, as I have done little more than copy the first sketch, with but few amendments. I have made free use of every circumstance in the story which I thought could add to the interest of the play, and of some incidents which, so far as I remember, Thomson has, perhaps imprudently, overlooked, or thrown into narrative instead of representation. What little merit there may be in the tragedy is almost entirely owing to Le Sage, as it is scarcely possible to spoil altogether so fine a subject.

“ANDW. GREENFIELD.”

1788.—1789.

Rev. Dr. CALDER * to Bishop PERCY.

“MY LORD,

Furnival's Inn, Dec. 18, 1788.

“You have always been very good to me, and I have found you at all times kindly disposed to befriend me in the greatest exigencies, which have never indeed been so grievous as often have fallen to the lot of scholars of greater proficiency, genius, and merit. On the former experience of your Lordship's readiness to serve me, I now presume, not unreluctantly, to have recourse to you in a case of the most delicate urgency. I have been almost two years a widower, and am now, I believe, on the point of marriage with a lady not much younger than myself, but of a superior fortune to any thing I could have looked for, and of very considerable expectations in case of survivorship. In this prospect I have cheerfully consented to settle upon her the little I have saved, and every thing I can call my own. I have driven so much to an inch, that, to prevent as much as possible my falling into disreputation with her and her relations, I shall be exceedingly difficulted to defray the first expenses of marriage, though I have still reserved, owing to me one way or other, a sufficiency for that purpose; but several, on whom I have little claims, are not in situations so favourable to oblige me with repayment as your Lordship, to whom, if you had value received, I wish on this pressing occasion I could transfer all that is due to me from whatever quarter. My utmost view in my economy was to keep out of debt; I was always unwilling to be a borrower, and should now be exceedingly loath to be-

* Of Dr. Calder see this volume, p. 78.

come so, at the only period in my life when I most wish to maintain the independency of my spirit, and the integrity of my declarations of being entirely free from all claims upon me. Thus most critically and anxiously circumstanced, may I not hope that your Lordship will not take it ill, if I express the most solicitous desire and request that you would, with your earliest convenience, transmit your order on some person here to oblige me with the advance of what I laid out for Harry, * on whose premature death I sincerely sympathised with you, having been myself a partaker with your Lordship in sad similarity of sorrow for the loss of an only son. Your Lordship's case was still harder than mine, as yours lived longer with you, and there was abundance of reason to have hoped that if he had survived he would have amply contributed to the honours of his name, and the comfort of his family. The exact state of money matters is precisely as follows, and the vouchers and documents I reserve to be delivered to your Lordship's order.

"It appears from two bankers' drafts on Coutts and Co., that I paid to your son at two different times twenty guineas. I advanced besides half a guinea at one time, and at another I am not absolutely certain whether a guinea or half a guinea, but I believe the first. I paid Orator Harris at your desire a guinea, which I never brought to your Lordship's account, though I have his note for it. I bought and have now with me a parcel of Prayer Books and Directories of Worship, that cost me more than half a guinea, at which I charge them. They were returned to me from Dodsley, accompanied with a more valuable parcel of other books published since your Lordship left this kingdom (to the great regret of me and your friends, if I may presume on what I feel for you, to include myself in the number.) I ventured to put them up with the others, thinking, if your deserved preferment has not much altered your good-nature, that they would be acceptable to you as a liberal scholar, and not the less for their being a small testimonial of gratitude, from one in an humble station of life, but much devoted to your Lordship's interest and service, both from inclination and duty. The whole parcel, since occasionally augmented by presents from literary friends, and windfalls from literary engagements, lies by me ready for consignment to your Lordship's order or agents here.

* Henry Percy, esq. son of the Bishop. See p. 94.

“The total sum therefore of money disbursed by me on your account is twenty-four guineas, to which adding the common interest, as your Lordship desired, for more than six years and a half, underrated, and counted only in gold, is in all thirty-two guineas, which would be at present to me of the most essential service, and will be so, more than their value, for above a month to come. I state like a mere scholar, but leave you to tax my bills as a chancellor, which I surrender, as merchants do, *erroribus exceptis*. But very seriously I assure you, that your Lordship, with all your kindness towards me, never had it in your power to oblige and serve me so effectually, or so much to my hearty desire, as now by your speediest order for the payment of the sum above mentioned, or whatever sum your Lordship reckons it up to. The obligation and service will be greater to me, in proportion to the readiness in conferring them. I should not have been reduced to be so importunate and pressing with your Lordship, but that my father-in-law, Dr. Richardson, of Alnwick, died, since his daughter, before the final settlement of our accounts, next to insolvent, so that I lose about £300 principal and interest. If my marriage should not take place, which God forbid, the expense I have been at in the prospect of it would involve me over head and ears in debt, which I dread more than any thing, and in that event I should still stand in equal need of your Lordship’s friendship in this way, as I could not possibly go on without totally deranging my little affairs. I beg my most respectful compliments to your Lady and daughters, who at this distance of time have no doubt forgot me, though they can remember no person of my level that wishes them better. I wish the first Tatler that falls under the inspection of your Lordship may be the large 8vo, now almost printed off, as I think it has the best chance to meet with your approbation; it is in four volumes; to the cr. 8vo in six I have myself many objections, and your Lordship I fear will have many more. The Guardian in 8vo, now almost ready for publication, will not, I hope, very much displease you. The Spectator, in that size, is better than the smaller copy, but is much under par with the Tatler and Guardian, and so I mean to keep it at present. The two volumes of the smaller Spectator, printed under your Lordship’s superintendence, were, unfortunately, consumed in a fire, and have been reprinted under my direc-

tion, with no alterations, but some additions, and are, doubtless, the best of all the volumes in that size. Mr. Nichols's acquaintance I owe to your Lordship; it has long been confirmed into friendship that has been delightful and serviceable to me on all occasions, for as many years past as I have known him. From the Northumberland family, besides the honour of their countenance, and the credit of their patronage, I have derived no essential service. I think of the late Duke with tenderness and gratitude, and believe the present Duke is as desirous to serve me as his father was, if opportunity offers. The Museum, that was ever under the Queen's patronage, and of which the Archbishop kept the key, may now be more open, when I probably shall neither have so much need or inclination to go into it. In the course of my endeavours to qualify myself for either department in that establishment, I stumbled on the discovery of its original founder, an amiable and respectable gentleman, buried in oblivion, owing chiefly to the change of his real name, Courten,* to Charleton. I have given something like a life of him for the new edition of the *Biographia Britannica*, that cost me some trouble, and on the accuracy of the account, at least, your Lordship may rely. But I weary you, and shall only add, that besides the superintendence of octavo editions of *Tatler*, *Spectator*, and *Guardian*, I am, moreover, engaged at present as an Index-maker to the *Rolls of Parliament*,† &c. I am, with a grateful sense of my many and great obligations to your Lordship on all occasions,

"Your Lordship's most obliged and humble servant,
"JOHN CALDER."

"MY DEAR LORD,

Furnival's Inn, Feb. 26, 1789.

"I am very happy in having succeeded, as you kindly wished, in my pursuit of conjugal felicity, and this is the true and only reason for my not having sooner informed your Lordship that your bill came safe to my hands last month, and that I accept it thankfully in full of all

* Dr. Calder's very valuable and curious *Life of William Courten*, occupies no less than 19 pages of the *Biographia Britannica*, vol. IV. 334—353. Courten was a learned naturalist, and general collector of coins and other curiosities. Sir Hans Sloane was his friend and executor; and Courten's collections formed part of the Sloane Museum, purchased by the nation in 1753.

† As an assistant to Rev. Dr. Strachey and the Rev. John Pridden. See *Gent. Mag.* 1825, i. 469.

demands. I have consigned my Liturgical and other collections for your Lordship to the care of Mr. Nichols, who rejoiced to hear of your welfare, and to whom I delivered your commissions. I long to hear from your Lordship again, and to be favoured at full length with your opinion of the Tatlers, &c. I have left my chambers here, and live now at Croydon in Surrey, to which place your Lordship, I hope, will be so good as to direct a long letter for me, with your earliest conveniency. I beg my most respectful compliments to the ladies.

"Your Lordship's most obliged servant, J. CALDER."

1788.

Bishop PERCY to Bishop DOUGLAS.*

"MY LORD,

Dromore, July, 1788.

"Having accidentally heard that your Lordship was about paying a visit to your diocese, and to make some stay at Rose Castle, I could not resist the desire I had to present my respects to your Lordship, on your connection with a country where I spent some time very agreeably, and, if you had not kindly interposed and been the instrument of sending me hither, I should have been ready to receive you as Dean of your cathedral.

"I found, on my arrival here, a very heavy charge of about 3,200*l.* Irish, for a new-built *See-house*, but having discharged that payment, and thereby realized three-fourths of that sum to my family, I like my situation so well that I am not anxious to remove. This part of Ireland is extremely well peopled, and, being the seat of a very rich and thriving manufacture, our payments are better made, and the people more civilised and more amenable to the laws, than in any other part of this kingdom that I have ever seen, so that I am satisfied with my present residence.

"For troubling your Lordship with this detail, I presume on your goodness, and that you may not be altogether uninterested in the fate which you were the means of procuring me; and, indeed, as my diocese is only separated from yours by the Irish Channel, I am inclined to look upon you still as my neighbour, and to claim the privilege and garrulity of one. I found many worthy and agreeable people in Cumberland, and especially in your

* An abridged copy of this letter is printed in Bishop Douglas's Life. See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 450.

Chancellor and Archdeacon* a most intelligent and pleasing acquaintance. And one circumstance I cannot but mention, as it may be of consequence to the health and happiness of your Lordship and your family, a most ingenious physician at Carlisle in Dr. Heysham,† whom I beg leave to recommend, if medical help should be wanted, as a very skilful, ingenious man : I verily believe I owe to him the preservation of my own life and health this moment in a critical complaint, and I have known other decisive instances of his skill in my own family. He is a modest unassuming man, and has besides the misfortune to be opposed by the party who is hostile to my Lord Lonsdale, so that he requires, as he deserves, the protection both of people of merit and also the friends of his Lordship ; to whom, however, I believe he was never so much as known.

“ Wishing your Lordship long life and happiness, in the enjoyment of that elevation which you so highly adorn, I have the honour to be, my Lord, your Lordship’s most obliged and obedient servant,
T. DROMORE.”

Bishop DOUGLAS to Bishop PERCY.

“ MY LORD,

Rose Castle, Aug. 23, 1788.

“ It gave me real pleasure to receive a letter from one whom I have so long known and respected. Ever since my arrival I have been so much engaged that I could not, till now, sit down to acknowledge the favour, and to express the satisfaction I feel on knowing so authentically that your Lordship finds your situation so much to your liking. Few of our profession, especially of our rank, who have been transplanted to Ireland, seem to have been so fortunate as your Lordship, if we may judge from the frequency of their visits to this island. I have often reflected with myself, how much more agreeable I should have found my residence here if you had been my neighbour at Carlisle. Indeed the state of that cathedral grieves me ; your successor‡ has not hitherto fixed himself there, and a non-resident Dean will naturally be answerable for the non-residence of his brethren of the chapter. I

* Archdeacon Paley. He died May 25, 1805, at Bishop Wearmouth, aged 62. See memoir in *Gent. Mag.* LXXV. p. 585, and Jefferson’s *History of Carlisle*, p. 427—429.

† See p. 359.

‡ Dr. Ekins. See p. 191.

understand that Dr. Hudson* is the only prebendary who passes much of his time at Carlisle, and one would imagine, from the practice there, that the statutes of that church gave a perpetual dispensation to be absent. I am much pleased with my neighbour the Chancellor, but am sorry to hear that Mrs. Paley is in an awkward state of health. As to my clergy, though I find few of them have had the advantage of an academical education, I have seen several of them whose attention to their duty is exemplary. Dr. Heysham dined with me soon after I received your Lordship's letter, and I took an opportunity of telling him that you had mentioned his name. You may depend upon my best endeavours to serve him. I am sorry to hear that the violence of Cumberland politics should have affected his interests. I hope, for my own part, to keep myself perfectly disengaged from party; and I think I may be able to shew my gratitude to Lord Lonsdale for recommending me to the Bishoprick, without making any of his opposers my personal enemies. It would give me real pleasure if I could be a peacemaker between the two parties, but your Lordship, I guess, knows them so well that you will think this a very difficult task. With my best wishes that you may pass many happy years in your See-house at Dromore, unless you should move to that at Armagh, I remain, your Lordship's most faithful and obedient servant, J. CARLIOL."

REV. DR. OWEN† to BISHOP PERCY.

"MY GOOD LORD,

Edmonton, August 3rd, 1789.

"I consider myself greatly obliged to you for the expressions of regard contained in your Lordship's letter, and for your kind exertions in behalf of my work, ‡ which was unfortunately printed before your letter reached me. Should ever a second edition appear, I will take care your own name, with those of the subscribers you have done me the honour to procure, shall be inserted.

"HENRY OWEN."

* Joseph Hudson, D.D., prebendary of Carlisle, and vicar of Newburn and Warkworth. He died in 1811, in his 93d year. Of this able and eccentric divine a good account is given in Jefferson's *Carlisle*, pp. 421—425.

† The Rev. Henry Owen, M.D., F.R.S. Rector of Edmonton. He died Oct. 14, 1795, in his 80th year. For memoirs of this learned divine, and character of his works, see *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. II. 433—435; vol. VII. 304, 642.

‡ "The Modes of Quotation used by the Evangelical Writers explained and considered."

Bishop PERCY to JOHN LEWIS BOISSIER, Esq.

"Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, March 24th, 1789.

"The Bishop of Dromore has just received a most obliging and highly-valued mark of friendship from Mr. Boissier in his excellent version of Mr. Bonnet's* *Inquiries concerning Christianity*. His goodness in remembering him at so remote a distance, would have made any mark of his attention highly acceptable; but the excellence of the subject highly enhances the value of the present. The ingenuous manner in which the translator has recorded his own liberal convictions, gives an additional weight to the author's acute reasoning."

Mr. BOISSIER to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, Bath, April 16, 1789.

"Your Lordship's approbation (conveyed in the lines which I received last week) of my Translation, and the intrinsic merit of the original, gave me the greatest satisfaction; but I am truly concerned that so many months should have elapsed from the time of my sending and your Lordship's receiving this mark of my respect.

"The prelate alluded to in my Preface is the present Bishop of London,† by whose advice I omitted the chapters which your Lordship wishes were inserted. I shall, however, consider the propriety of adding them to a future edition. They belong rather to *natural* than *revealed* religion, and are too metaphysical for the generality of readers, though in my opinion they most admirably introduce the subject.

"I do not apprehend, my Lord, that Priestley's opinions on materialism are much read by *that class* in society which I had in view when I first undertook my translation, which was intended to call back and enlighten those unwary readers misled by the studied misconstructions of some modern writers, whereby every thing may be easily represented as *false* or *ridiculous*.

"Perhaps I ought, in justice to Mr. Bonnet, who has been misrepresented by Priestley, and shewn as a *ma-*

* Charles Bonnet, F.R.S. was an eminent natural philosopher, born at Geneva in 1790, and died 1793. His works are enumerated in Watt's *Bibliotheca*, I. 131. His "*Philosophical and Critical Inquiries concerning Christianity*," were translated by John Lewis Boissier, esq. 1787, 8vo.

† Bishop Porteus.

terialist to those who have not read his works, perhaps, I say, I ought to insert those chapters; and your Lordship's advice in that respect will settle my mind, which has been till now wavering on that subject.

"With my sincere wishes for your Lordship, I remain, with true respect, your Lordship's most obedient and devoted servant,

"JOHN LEWIS BOISSIER."

REV. JAMES WHITE* to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

London, April 25th, 1789.

"From your kind attention to my translation of Cicero against Verres, I am induced to present you with the copy of Poems which accompanies this letter, and hope they may be found not unworthy of your approbation. The first and second have remained by me in manuscript for some years, the third has been a good while known in both kingdoms. I fancy that I am indebted to the Bishop of Killaloe (Dr. Barnard) for its first appearance, about ten years ago, in the fashionable circles at this side of the water, since which time a great number of manuscript copies have been handed about. I have not, however, the honour of being personally known to Bishop Barnard, who received his copy from an intimate of mine. It was also shewn to the Board of Senior Fellows at Trinity College, by (I believe) Dr. John Kearney, whom probably your Lordship may know, and with whom I had the pleasure of being acquainted when a student at Dublin University. The stanza of 'Conway Castle' is an invention of my own; an attempt to imitate the elegiac verse of the ancients.

"Permit me, my Lord, to recommend to your notice, when it shall happen to come across you, another work which I have lately published, in two small volumes, and which, had I found an opportunity of conveyance, I would also have sent to you. It is a romance, entitled 'Earl Strongbow,' in which I have endeavoured to adhere to the customs and laws of Chivalry, having chosen for my hero the famous conqueror of Leinster in the time of Henry the Second. The manner in which the story is related is likewise a new idea. Should this and the poems appear

* Of Rev. James White see Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 285.

to have merit, I hope, my Lord, you will not take it amiss if I request that you will have the goodness to make mention of them, particularly to your connections in this kingdom; for the difficulties an author has to struggle with, while a young beginner, render it necessary that, besides the exertions of his bookseller, his book should be talked of in private circles. However, I have no pecuniary interest now in these two productions, having parted with the property to Mr. Dodsley. I am, my Lord, your obedient and obliged humble servant,

“JAMES WHITE.”

Bishop PERCY to Lord HAILES.*

“MY LORD,

Dublin, May 30th, 1789.

“A few days since I received a most valuable present from your Lordship, which I conclude, from the date, must have been directed to me long since, although I only received it so lately,—your ‘Inquiry into the Secondary Causes which Mr. Gibbon has assigned for the rapid growth of Christianity,’ &c. 4to. I fear, from the long interval between your Lordship’s order and my acknowledgment of this most obliging favour, you will have thought me very undeserving of it, but I never received a literary present which was more entitled to my sincere gratitude, and I feel the obligation with double weight, both for the importance of the subject and the respect long imprinted on my mind for the author. I have read it with that pleasure and satisfaction which so excellent a defence of our holy religion could not but excite, and which was somewhat heightened by being unexpected, for I do not remember to have seen your ‘Inquiry,’ &c. advertised in the newspapers, at least not in such as have found their way to the North of Ireland, where I have been almost constantly resident since my removal into this country, and my remote situation there doubtless occasioned my possessing this treasure so late. I mention the above circumstance as a hint to the booksellers to make this excellent publication more generally known. It is pity but your Lordship’s antidote should be diffused as widely as the poison; and I wish no shop could be allowed to

* Sir David Dalrymple, better known as Lord Hailes. See *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. p. 524.

vend the one without administering the other. I remember Mrs. Montague's telling Mr. Gibbon, or his friends, that she had ordered her bookseller to leave out his two last chapters in her copy. She would have been much better pleased to have had this excellent refutation to bind up at the end of them, for which its quarto form is properly adapted, and I hope octavo impressions will be prepared for the small editions.

"Every well-wisher to the great cause of Christianity must regard with particular respect and gratitude your Lordship for devoting so much of your time and studies to its defence and protection. In addition to these sentiments, which I cannot but feel in common with my brethren, I beg leave to express the deep obligation laid on myself by this kind instance of your remembrance; and that I must remain, with the highest esteem, my Lord, your Lordship's most obliged, humble servant,
 "T. DROMORE."

Lord HAILES to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Newhailes, 6th June, 1789.

"I am just now favoured with your Lordship's letter, by which I have the satisfaction to learn that you approve of my efforts in the common cause. That the book has been so very long on the way must be ascribed to some neglect on the part of Mr. Cadell, for I ordered a copy for your Lordship at the very moment of publication.

"My choice of a bookseller was rather unlucky. The publisher of Mr. Gibbon's History had no particular inducement to promote the sale of my tract; and what adds to my ill luck, I supposed that there would be little demand for it in Scotland, and so kept but a very few copies for the Scottish sale: it happened, however, that there was a great demand for it at Edinburgh, which I could not supply. At this moment I do not know what has become of most of the copies. Probably the tract is sinking into oblivion. Were the booksellers to wish for an 8vo edition I should be ready to give it, but I cannot think of lumbering the printer's warehouse without hopes of sale.

"It would give me great pleasure to hear of any probability of your Lordship's being again settled on this side

of the Channel. I am now taught by the law that Ireland is a foreign country.

“With a grateful remembrance of all past favours, I have the honour to be, my Lord, your Lordship’s most devoted humble servant,
 DAV. DALRYMPLE.”

1789—1790.

Hon. DAINES BARRINGTON* to Bishop PERCY.

“MY DEAR LORD,

Inner Temple, Feb. 20, 1789.

“Happening to call yesterday upon Lord Barrington, he begged my pardon and yours for not having sooner put into my hand a book and letter which by the date I find was written so long back as June 1788. Be persuaded I should otherwise have earlier returned you my best thanks for the friendly contents, and given you the best information in my power with regard to those particulars which interest you.

“I do not recollect any work in the antiquarian way which is now in the press, except a 9th volume of the *Archæologia*, and new edition of Camden’s *Britannia*, with considerable additions, by Mr. Gough.

“Mr. Bruce, the Abyssinian traveller, means to print his work at his own home in Scotland, of which he hath sent me a specimen, and the types and paper of which are both good. It will be three volumes quarto, with, probably, some maps and engravings. For these, Cadell was to have paid him 3000*l.*, and he was to have had also the profit of sending over the sheets to France and Germany for translations. Mr. Bruce, however, hath differed with Cadell; upon which occasion, I think, the latter is much in the wrong. The dispute, however, did not at all relate to the price.

“Every one is in high joy upon the King’s recovery being announced, and for one, I hope that Dr. Willis, who is a clergyman, and hath been chiefly instrumental in the King’s cure, will be appointed to St. Asaph. What your Irish deputies will do upon their arrival it is not very easy

* The Hon. Daines Barrington died March 11, 1800. For an account of him and his writings, see *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. III. p. 3—9; VII. pp. 22, 510; *Literary Illustrations*, vol. V. pp. 582—607, where a series of Letters from and to Mr. Barrington is given.

to conceive. The best thing that can happen is that they should not set out at all.

"I hope you are now situated completely to your satisfaction; and that you will believe me, your most faithful humble servant,

DAINES BARRINGTON.

"P.S. Boswell's Account of Johnson will appear before it is long."

Bishop PERCY to the Hon. DAINES BARRINGTON.

"DEAR SIR,

Dublin, May 30th, 1789.

"Your most obliging letter received early in the spring gave me very great pleasue, and would have had my grateful acknowledgments long since, but I wished to express something more than mere thanks, however sincere. * * *

"If you should see Sir Joseph Banks, I wish you would ask him whether our pretended talismanic medal is a coin or a weight, and what its name, and value, and inscription. For he communicated this discovery to a friend of his in this country, while we were profoundly nodding over this supposed talisman. As I know nothing of Arabic or of talismans, I had nothing to oppose to the writer's bold assertions, and it was the only paper in the volume at the reading of which I ever was present. So do not suppose I was privy or consenting to the other articles of that stamp." * * *

The Hon. DAINES BARRINGTON to Bishop PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD,

Temple, June 12, 1789.

"Since the receipt of your last kind letter I have picked up some literary intelligence which you wish to receive, and therefore I take the earliest opportunity of communicating.

"Your old acquaintance *Don Bowle** being dead, his books, amounting to three thousand, are to be sold by White next spring. Many of them seem to be curious.

"By the last account from Mr. Bruce, he had printed at Edinburgh several sheets of his Travels under his own inspection, and, indeed, he hath purchased paper, types, and ink, which he flatters himself will turn out very good. The Work will consist of four volumes quarto, and forty

* Usually so called from his attachment to Spanish literature. See this volume, p. 166—170.

engravings at least, but I believe many more. Robinson, of Paternoster Row, is to give him 6500*l.* for the first impression of two thousand copies ; besides which, a French and German editor is to pay him for *early* sheets, from whence translations are to be made. The copyright, moreover, is to continue to be Mr. Bruce's, after this first impression.

"Alderman Boydell hath already one thousand subscribers to his Shakespear,* at 18 guineas each, and hath made more than 1000*l.* already by the exhibition of the pictures painted for the engravings.

"Though I see Boswell often, I cannot inform you when his Life of Johnson is to appear ; it hath been long talked of.

"The ninth volume of the Archæologia is in the press.

"I should advise you to purchase neither of the publications † you allude to.

"I have seen the Transactions of the Royal Irish Academy, and agree with you in relation to the scientific part. As for the antiquarian, it is by no means equal in point of merit ; and yet, I think, there is a good memoir of Lord Charlemont on the early introduction of the woollen manufacture.

"As for Arabic, I am totally ignorant of that or any other Oriental language, and I conceive that Sir Joseph is equally so. Ever yours, D. BARRINGTON."

"P.S. The King both looks and is well. He means to make some summer excursions."

"MY DEAR LORD,

Inner Temple, Feb. 28, 1790.

"Mr. Bruce (whose Work you inquire after) arrived here from Scotland within these few days ; 2000 copies, however, of his intended publication are now afloat from Edinburgh, though heard of some days since in Yarmouth Road. It will consist of five volumes quarto, with nearly sixty copper-plates, chiefly of natural history. It contains only his travels from Cairo to Gondar in Abyssinia, and back again to the same place. The travels of Count Beniowski will also soon appear, through Siberia to Kamtschatka, and from thence to Madagascar.

* See Literary Anecdotes, vol. III. p. 411 ; Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 2.

† "Gough's Camden, 3 vols. folio ; and Brand's History of Newcastle, 2 vols. 4to."

"Dr. Herschel hath discovered two additional planets to Saturn, and his Sister* a new comet.

"Our season hath been remarkably mild, and probably still more so with you.

"Sir Joshua Reynolds hath resigned his office as President of the Academy of Painting. He hath also solicited lately an additional subscription for a statue at *full length* of Dr. Johnson—surely a profile of the head only would have been more proper. Who would wish a *full-length* statue of Pope? It will cost 600*l.* and Bacon is to execute it.† Believe me, my dear Lord, ever most faithfully yours,

"D. BARRINGTON.

"P.S. Mr. Howard‡ died last month at Cherson, near the Crimea."

1790.

Bishop PERCY to Sir JOSHUA REYNOLDS.

"DEAR SIR,

Dublin, Feb. 3rd, 1790.

"Upon coming to town a few days since, I found the valuable present of your last Discourse to the Students. So kind a proof of your remembrance, after so many years' absence, was extremely obliging in you, and gratifying to me in a very high degree. As we are meditating a visit to England in the approaching summer, I hope to thank you in person for this very flattering mark of your attention, and in the interim desire you will accept my sincerest acknowledgments.

"The Bishop of Clonfert § agrees with me in thinking this Discourse contains so happy a mixture of anecdote and instruction, or rather of instruction through the medium of anecdote, as renders it truly admirable: and the delicate and judicious selection of so much of the latter only as is peculiarly adapted to the leading subject, makes it, in my opinion, a perfect standard of this mode of writing.

"I am, with very sincere regard, dear Sir, your most obliged and faithful servant,

THOS. DROMORE."

* Sir Wm. Herschel, the great astronomer, died August 25th, 1824, aged 83. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* XCII. ii. 274, 650; XCIII. i. 68. His scarcely less eminent sister, Carolina Lucretia Herschel, lived to the great age of 98, dying in 1848.

† This statue of Dr. Johnson was placed in St. Paul's in 1796.

‡ See a memoir of this eminent philanthropist in *Gent. Mag.* LX. 276—279; and General Index to that work, III. 216; *Literary Anecdotes*, VII. 188, 596. See an account of the erection of his monument in St. Paul's in *Dr. Lettson's Hints to promote Beneficence, &c.* vol. II. p. 213.

§ Dr. Rd. Marlay; presented to the see of Waterford in 1795; died 1802.

Sir JOSHUA REYNOLDS to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, Leicester Fields, March 13, 1790.

"I have put the little business that you intrusted me with into the hands of Mr. Boswell, who, indeed, desired it, as he said he owed your Lordship a letter.*

"I write or read as little as possible on account of my eyes, and *this* letter is only to ward off the appearance of inattention till I shall have the honour of seeing your Lordship, which we are all glad to hear will be soon.

"I am, with the greatest respect, J. REYNOLDS."

DAVID ROBERTSON,† Esq. to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD, Douglas, Isle of Man, August 20, 1790.

"Presuming on your Lordship's known attachment to poetry, I sent your Lordship, some months since, a specimen of my intended Volume of Poems. The honour of your Lordship's approbation will be very highly esteemed by your Lordship's most devoted servant,

"DAVID ROBERTSON."

FRANCIS GROSE,‡ Esq. to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD, Harris's Hotel, Capel Street,
[Dublin,] October 14, 1790.

"The many civilities you was so polite as to shew me both at Alnwick and in London, render it impossible for me to pass through a place where you are without paying my respects to you. I arrived here yesterday evening on my way from Scotland, after making a week's stay at my Lord Clanbrassil's. As your Lordship's time must be greatly taken up, I thought it best thus previously to announce myself, and to request the honour of knowing if it will be convenient for your Lordship to see me any morning this or next week.

"I hope your lady is well; please to present my most respectful compliments to her.

"I am your Lordship's most obedient; humble servant,
"FRS. GROSE."

"MY LORD, Dublin, November 6, 1790.

"I was honoured with your Lordship's polite letter, enclosing one directed to me at your palace; I ask your

* See it in vol. VII. p. 313.

† Author, it is believed, of a Volume of Poems, Edinb. 1784, 8vo.; and of "A Tour through the Isle of Man; to which is subjoined a Review of the Manks History." Lond. 1794, 8vo.

‡ Of Capt. Grose, see Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 812.

pardon for that liberty, which was not authorised by any orders of mine. I postponed writing to you till I had reconnoitred the ground, and determined whether or not I should undertake the Antiquities of Ireland. After mature consideration, I am now resolved to attempt them, and shall, in consequence of that resolution, return to Ireland in April next, when I shall immediately, with your Lordship's permission, pay my respects to you. In my way from Port Patrick to this place, I picked up several fine ruins, which I shall get engraved as specimens of the work.

"I am extremely sorry to hear of your lady's late indisposition, and hope, from your remaining in the country, that she is better. I embark to-morrow for England. Your Lordship's most obedient, servant, F. GROSE."

1790—1791.

Rev. Dr. TREADWAY NASH to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD, Bevere, near Worcester, November 23, 1790.

"I should have done myself the honour of writing to your Lordship before this time, if our friend Mr. Cleiveland had not told me you intended being in London this winter, but since that I find by him there is some doubt whether we shall have the happiness of seeing you in England or not; I therefore take the liberty of writing to you, fully assured of your inclination and abilities to promote anything that seems like learning, and am emboldened to acquaint you that I am now engaged in publishing a new edition of *Hudibras*, in a handsome quarto, with notes in a separate volume; and, as Butler must be a favourite author with you, and every man of learning and taste, should be much obliged by any hints or criticisms you may be so kind as to suggest.* Among the many editions of this book, there has been none in quarto, owing, perhaps, to the shortness of the lines, and to the expense of paper and printing. Among other reasons for undertaking it, one was, the author's connections with Worcestershire, and Strensham, his birth-place, which parish belongs to me. My plan is to explain the obscure passages, to shew his allusions to the cant and folly of his time, and likewise his profound learning, and very frequent allusions to the Greek and Latin Classics.

* A new edition was published in 1835, in 2 vols. 8vo. by Murray.

"Dr. Grey had many learned and ingenious correspondents, who furnished him with excellent notes: as to his own notes I shall say little. Could I be so happy as to obtain communications from your Lordship, and some other friends, I should not despair of producing remarks, &c. worthy the public inspection.

"I did intend to employ our old friend, Mr. Nichols, but he declined it, being fully engaged, and thinking that a work which required more than common care would give him more trouble than profit.

"I intended to have sent this by Lady Ely, who left this country the week before last, and had, I hope, a pleasant journey to Dublin; if you are acquainted with her, and should see her, I beg you will present the compliments of all this family to her, Mrs. Bonfoy, and Miss Maclaine.

"How did you escape the violence of the Down election? we talked of it much here, as the most expensive election ever known.

"Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Cocks (who is here) desire to join me in most respectful compliments to your Lordship and all your family, sincerely hoping that Mrs. Percy may be perfectly recovered from her late indisposition. I am, my Lord, your most obedient servant, T. NASH."

Bp. PERCY to Rev. Dr. TREADWAY NASH.

"DEAR SIR,

Dromore, December 14, 1790.

"Your very obliging letter followed me hither, and I lose no time in acknowledging so agreeable a favour, though I may possibly defer sending my answer to the post till, returning to Dublin, I can get a frank from the Bishop of Cork,* whose connection with the Lord Lieutenant, as his Secretary, entitles him by law to that privilege.

"Hudibras is one of our established Classic Poems, and a splendid edition, in quarto, is worthy the public spirit of the intended editor, and will, I doubt not, do him as much honour in the execution as it does him for the very liberal conception. Dr. Grey, as you justly observe, was the medium to convey some good occasional information to the public, but, amidst an intolerable load of lumber, has very little that is valuable himself. He was

* Dr. Bennett.

too bigoted a high churchman ever to look into a Dissenting meeting-house, and, therefore, was utterly ignorant of the commonest usages in the mode of worship there followed, and which are the objects of Butler's satire. I think I this moment recollect an instance in the very entrance of the work. Describing the hero of the poem, who had been knighted by the King, Butler says,

‘He never bent his stubborn knee
To anything but Chivalry;’

evidently alluding to the public posture of prayer among the Presbyterians, who never *kneel* but *stand* in their pews, &c. ; which Grey has wholly unnoticed, though it has always struck me whenever I have been in a meeting-house or kirk, whether in England or in Scotland.”

REV. DR. TREADWAY NASH to Bp. PERCY.

“MY LORD,

Bever, March 2, 1791.

“Many thanks to your Lordship for your obliging letter, which would have been acknowledged sooner if I had not almost daily expected a call to London, from whence I thought I might send you some account of your friends, and what was stirring in the literary world; but, being detained in the country till the middle of next month, I thought it too long to delay the acknowledgment of your very kind favour.

“As our friend Nichols declined printing my *Hudibras*, I put it into the hands of one Rickaby, who prints well, but slowly, not having finished the second part, or begun the notes; so that it cannot be published till spring twelve-month, by which time I hope it will be ready to deliver.

“I do not profess myself so good a churchman as Dr. Grey, and, to prevent giving offence, shall distinguish between the Dissenters of the last century and those of modern times. We will not say a word of Priestley and Price. I have never travelled much in Scotland, nor ever observed the peculiarity you mention in their pews. Dr. Grey hints at their not kneeling at the sacrament.

“I agree with you entirely that Butler's satire is general, especially where he alludes to the tenets of the Presbyterians and Independents: the foolish *Key to Hudibras*, published by Sir Roger l'Estrange, made many think he meant certain butchers and hostlers; his satire extends much further than the tenets of the Dissenters, for he is justly severe upon all false learning, such as astrology,

alchemy, and the trifling inquiries, made by the first establishers of the Royal Society. Dr. Bulwar's Artificial Changling, Brown's Vulgar Errors, Purchas's Pilgrim, and even Pliny's Natural History, are the frequent objects of his satire: his classical allusions are infinite; many of these I have pointed out, but his wit and learning are so multifarious, that it is impossible, at least for me, to discover the grounds of one half. As to the notes subjoined to Mr. Townley's French translation, there is very little new; they are chiefly taken from Grey.

"Long since, the Bishop of Worcester* applied to Dr. Farmer† to communicate his notes to me, but his answer was, that he intended to publish an edition himself, but should be glad to see me when I came to London; accordingly, I called upon him, at St. Paul's, in last November, when he told me that he had given all his notes to Mr. Reed, of Staples Inn, who was preparing an edition. I told him I should be glad to join him, and would willingly give up to Mr. Reed, not only my notes, but also all the paper I had purchased, and the sheets I had printed, which I would pay for, if he would go on with the work as I had begun: but he said, he understood I only printed 250 copies; that his was to be a bookseller's edition, for common sale; that he would not print until mine was published, and he thought they would not interfere. In fact, he means it a favour to Reed, who is to take the labouring oar. I have not yet met with King's 'Inventions of Men,' but will hunt for it when I go to London. Butler frequently alludes to the works of your relation Cleiveland, and Rabelais furnishes him with many hints; but his principal source is the Greek Classics, which he seems to be perfectly acquainted with. Do you think, my Lord, that your Scotch friend, that understood Hudibras, has left no notes behind him? and is it impossible to get at them?

"Hope Mrs. Percy's illness will not prevent your coming to England this spring, and that you and yours will make Bevere a resting-place by the way. I hear much of the beauty of your fair daughters, and wonder at the ill taste of your Irish nobility.

"Mrs. Nash begs leave to join me in sincerest respects to Mrs. Percy and the ladies.

T. NASH."

* Dr. Hurd.

† Farmer's copy of Hudibras, with his MS. Notes, is now in the possession of a friend of mine.—J. M.

"P.S. If any notes should occur to you touching our poet, hope you will do me the honour to communicate them, as the least trait from so able a pen as your Lordship's will give a lustre to the work.

"Pray who was King, that wrote the 'Inventions,' &c. Was he an Irish Bishop?"

1791—1794.

Bp. PERCY to the Rev. EDWARD BERWICK.*

"DEAR SIR, Dublin, Jan. 31, 1791.

"I am much obliged to you for your kind offer to execute any commissions for me in London, where, I conclude, you are at this time arrived. I shall not fail to apply to you occasionally. You tell me the King is deeply engaged in reading the Bible and Mr. Burke's two books. I know not what book of Burke's there is to engage his Majesty at this time, besides his Letter concerning the French Revolution. If it is that, the King is doing just what I should expect from a good man and a wise king. To recommend reading the Bible by his own example is his duty, and Burke's Pamphlet his interest,—but this, too, is his duty; for he is promoting the best interests of his subjects by both. It becomes not me to boast how much I read my Bible; but I am not ashamed to own, that I am never weary of reading Burke; he lies constantly on my table, and I never open him without fresh gratification. I know not which most to admire—the brilliancy of his wit, the keenness of his satire, and the tenderness of his pathetic strokes; or, the acuteness of his reflections, his deep knowledge of human nature, his great constitutional learning, and profound display of political wisdom.

* The Rev. Edward Berwick, of Lurgan, Vicar of Leixlip in Ireland, formerly Chaplain to the Earl of Moira, and his son the first Marquess of Hastings. He was author of "The Life of Apollonius of Tyana, translated from the Greek of Philostratus; with Notes and Illustrations." "Lives of Marcus Valerius Messala Corvinus, and Titus Pomponius Atticus, the latter from the Latin of Cornelius Nepos; with Notes and Illustrations; to which is added, An Account of the Families of the first five Cæsars." This last work was dedicated to the Earl of Moira. "Lives of Caius Asinius Pollio, Marcus Terentius Varro, and Cneius Cornelius Gallus; with Notes and Illustrations," 1814. "Memoirs of the Life of the elder Scipio Africanus; with Notes and Illustrations," small 8vo. 1817. "The Rawdon Papers, consisting of Letters on Various Subjects, Literary, Political, and Ecclesiastical, to and from Archbishop Bramhall," 8vo. 1819. This volume was well spoken of by the Rev. T. D. Fosbroke, in *Gent. Mag.* 1820, i. 140.

"The King, however, is not more interested in the success of Burke's writings than any of his subjects who possess either property or power, or rank or titles, or any of the distinctions which elevate the noble above the base. To so enlightened a nobleman as my Lord Rawdon, I am persuaded Burke can be no less a favourite than he is with the King. Burke has stood forward the champion and defender of all his Lordship's high and merited distinctions. Like another Cocles he has opposed himself singly on the bridge to stop the advances of those rude and impudent invaders, who were passing over to destroy our Imperial City, and to level our temples and palaces to the dust. The example of France will teach us a useful lesson; and under so able an expositor as Mr. Burke, will recal to the recollection of all good Englishmen what their ancestors experienced in the last century,—the necessary gradation from—No Bishops—to No Nobles—No King.

"I am told (for I have not seen it) that Dr. Priestley has published an 'Answer,' which confirms every position of Mr. Burke, by showing that he has not imputed to that desperate faction more destructive and levelling principles than what this, their democratic advocate, openly avows for them. This alone was wanting to impress the conviction Mr. Burke aimed at, and will, I trust, have its salutary effect in putting every good subject with us upon his guard against that dangerous spirit of innovation which is operating so fatally across the Channel. T. DROMORE.

"To Rev. Edward Berwick, at Lord Rawdon's,
St. James's Place, London."

REV. EDWARD BERWICK to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Moir House, Oct. 4, 1794.

"Since I came to town, I have found 'His Majesties Lepanto, or Heroical Song, being part of his Poetical Exercises at vacant hours,' notwithstanding what Mr. Harris says of its having been burnt in C. Yorke's Library. It is printed in 1603, has a preface by James, together with a sonnet by the same royal hand. If your Lordship wishes to see it, I will bring it down with me.

"Your Lordship's obliged Servant,

"E. BERWICK."

1791.

REV. JOSEPH STIRLING* to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD, London, February 11, 1791.

"I had the pleasure of receiving your Lordship's favour of 31st ult. I have seen Mr. Coghlan; I found him satisfactory and communicative. I return you your list corrected and enlarged by him. I enclose to your Lordship Mr. Pilling's† pamphlet. I found Coghlan so explicit that it was unnecessary to call on Faulder. Coghlan can furnish you with any of the pamphlets, except one that is not to be got anywhere (he has marked it in the list); one or two more pamphlets are to be out in a few days. I shall be always happy to execute any commissions that your Lordship shall favour me with. There is at present rather a dearth of literary intelligence here. Mr. Cracherode desires his best respects to your Lordship. I one day met with Ritson, by accident, at White's the bookseller in Fleet Street; he is a shabby mean-looking fellow; when he left the shop, I had the curiosity to ask who he was, as he had been purchasing some uncommon books.

"I had a conversation the other day with Edwards‡ the bookseller in Pall Mall; he wishes that your Lordship, in the next edition of your 'Reliques,' would have engravings for each ballad; it would certainly make it a charming book. I wish you would recommend it to Dodsley; he is, I think, your Lordship's bookseller.

"Your Lordship's obedient servant, "J. STIRLING.

"P.S. I dine at Lord Granard's this day. Berwick desires me to present his respects to your Lordship."

"MY LORD,

London, March 22, 1791.

"I had the pleasure of receiving your Lordship's letter of the 29th ult. Mr. Payne has got you all the pamphlets you marked, together with some new ones, and the ninth edition of Burke. Several answers have appeared. Mr. T. Paine, the American, appears to be his most formidable antagonist. I saw Mr. Berwick yesterday; and Mr. Cracherode is at my elbow. They beg to be remembered to your Lordship. Abyssinian Bruce is in Scotland, enjoying either his reputation, or the reverse. Your Lordship's obedient servant,

JOSEPH STIRLING."

* Rev. Joseph Stirling,—author of a volume of Poems, published by Robinson, 1789.—J. M.

† See Literary Illustrations, VII. 513.

‡ James Edwards, esq. He died Jan. 2, 1816, aged 59. See an account of him in Literary Illustrations, vol. IV. 881—884; V. 378.

"MY LORD,

London, April 10, 1791.

"When your Lordship's letter arrived here I was out of town, so that the Catalogue of Dr. Lort's books* was not forwarded to you till yesterday. I thought it useless to send you Mrs. Gunning's letter, as it must have been published in Dublin before this. The celebrated Bibliotheca Parisiana† was sold last week; about six hundred articles produced near 7000*l.*, an unheard-of thing in the annals of literature. I was fortunate to get the only book I wanted there, *Primalion of Greece*, in Spanish. I have now completed my few specimens of romances. *Primalion* is a beautiful book bound in red morocco; I paid four guineas for him, and, as books went, I do not think he was dear. I also got a fine copy of the *Tasso* of 1590 with the designs of Carracis; he is also in fine old red morocco, with a cardinal's arms. I had an inferior copy, which I disposed of for what I paid for that.

"The *Perceforest* and *Palladien*, which I had from your Lordship, are now as fine as possible; *Perceforest* is bound in two vols. in russia, gilt leaves; *Palladion*, in purple calf with green sprinkled edges. A Mr. Johnes,‡ Member for Radnorshire, was the most considerable purchaser at the *Parisiana*; I dare say his bill came to near 2000*l.* Our weather here is remarkably warm; I propose, about the latter end of the week, to go on a visit into Berkshire to a Mr. Bradley, who was a fellow of Corpus, Oxford, and has got two livings in that part of the country. The war with Russia seems to meet with the disapprobation of all parties.

"The Constitutional Society, I hear, have ordered twenty thousand copies of T. Paine's pamphlet to be printed off, and distributed through the country. Mr. Berwick desires his best respects to your Lordship. Your Lordship's obedient servant,

J. STIRLING."

* There is an account of Dr. Lort's Collection in Dibdin's *Bibliomania*, p. 548; and in *Gent. Mag.* vol. LX. pt. ii. p. 1199.

† The Collection of M. Paris de Meyzieux, purchased entire by Edwards the bookseller, and sold in London. See Dibdin's *Bibliomania*, pp. 121, 543.

‡ In the fire which destroyed Mr. Johnes' noble mansion at Hafod, March 13, 1807, his Welsh MSS. (the labour of Mr. Johnes for many years,) his valuable *Froissarts*, and much that he acquired in the sale noticed in the above letter, were included in the melancholy loss. A full account of the calamity is in *Gent. Mag.* 1807, p. 269.

1791—1796.

REV. OWEN MANNING* to Bp. PERCY.

"Godelming, November 13, 1791.

"Mr. Manning presents his compliments to the Bishop of Dromore, and begs leave to inform him that he has an old Cædmon of Mr. Lye's, which he (Mr. Lye) had, in some few places, interlined with a translation; that Mr. Manning went on with the design; and, excepting a very few passages which he postponed for further consideration, translated the whole, intending to have published it; but that he was discouraged by the prospect of incurring a certain, and, perhaps, no small expense, which few were likely to contribute to repay him. But, if his Lordship is likely to make a little longer stay at Bath, Mr. Manning will transcribe for him that part which relates to the Fall of Man (containing, from the Evil Spirit's setting out on that business, after the breaking up of the Council in Pandæmonium, to the completion of it, about eleven pages and a half), and send it as soon as he conveniently can."

"MY LORD,

Godelming, June 1, 1796.

"I very well remember the very kind encouragement your Lordship once gave me towards facilitating a translation of Cædmon; but do not recollect that I ever entertained a design of such an undertaking. The specimen your Lordship desired has been finished long ago, and lain by ever since, for no other reason but that I did not know whither or how to send it you. I will set about transcribing it immediately. I have a Confirmation at Guildford on the 17th, previously to which many hours of my time will be taken up for several days, in preparing my young candidates, to the amount, I suppose, of three or four hundred. I hope the new Saxon Professor † is qualified to answer the intention of his founder, as well as to receive his salary. If the young students of Oxford knew but how much a knowledge of this our ancient language contributes to the perfect understanding of the modern English, he would not long want pupils.

* Author of the History of Surrey. He died Sept. 9, 1801, in his 81st year. See memoir of him in Literary Anecdotes, vol. IX. pp. 446—452; vol. VII. pp. 248, 623. Literary Illustrations, General Index.

† Rev. Charles Mayo, Fellow of St. John's College, M.A. 1793, B.D. 1798.

"I presume your Lordship must have met with a small Collection of Select Poems, by Tho. Hoccleve, just published by Mr. Geo. Mason,* of Havering in Essex; a very sensible and ingenious person, and one with whom I have had frequent correspondence, though I never saw him in my life.

"Nothing could give me greater pleasure than that of meeting my old acquaintance, Mr. Isted, in his new character of a married man, at your table; but, as that is, in my present circumstances and situation, totally impracticable, I have only to congratulate them, as well as your Lordship and Mrs. Percy, on the occasion of a union, which they have my best wishes for proving a happy one.

"Your Lordship's obedient servant, O. MANNING."

1792.

REV. THOMAS LEMAN † to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Bath, Feb. 29, 1792.

"In my way into Scotland, in the year 1786, with your friend the present Bishop of Cork,‡ I remember passing through Beverley, and whilst we were examining with much attention the exceeding beauty and neatness of the minster, and lamenting the bad taste of the repairers, we were both much hurt at seeing a small chapel (attached, if I recollect right, to the north transept) containing the tomb of the gallant Hotspur, in shameful neglect, and disgraceful ruin.

"I mentioned this circumstance one evening to a Mr. Brand at the Antiquarian Society, with the hopes of his

* George Mason, esq. author of the "Glossary" to Hoccleve; "An Essay on Design in Gardening, first published in 1768; also, A Revisal of several Publications on the same subject," 1795, 8vo.; "A British Freeholder's Answer to T. Paine;" "A Supplement to Johnson's English Dictionary; in which the palpable errors are attempted to be rectified, and its material omissions supplied," 4to. 1801; "Life of Richard Earl Howe," 1803, 8vo. who purchased Mr. Mason's paternal estate at Peters, 1772. Mr. M. was eldest son of a distiller at Deptford Bridge, whose widow married Dr. Jubb, Hebrew Professor at Oxford. He left his landed estate to his brother's son, and provided handsomely for a natural daughter.

† The Rev. Thomas Leman died March 17, 1826. See a memoir of him, with several of his letters, in Literary Illustrations, vol. VI. pp. 435—453.

‡ Bishop Bennett, afterwards Bishop of Cloyne.

speaking of it to his patron the Duke of Northumberland, but I am afraid he never did it; for (as I have enquired since, though not within these last two years,) it still continues in the same reproachful dilapidation; and I am well assured that either of the noble families of Percy or of Wyndham would have instantly repaired it (had it ever been mentioned to them), as a duty which they owed to themselves as well as their noble ancestor.

“The inscription your Lordship inquires after I saw also the same year in my journey northwards. It is placed on the Gothic column erected by the late Duke of Northumberland, on the highest point of ground in Hulne park. It is as far, as I can recollect, as follows:—

‘1781. H. Dux Northumbriæ. 1781.

Circumspice.

Ego omnia ista sum dimensus,

Mei sunt Ordines,

Mea Descriptio,

Multæ etiam istarum Arborum meâ manu sunt satæ.’

“I am, with the greatest respect, your Lordship’s very obliged and obedient humble servant,

“THOMAS LEMAN.”

JOHN DAVIDSON,* Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

“MY LORD,

June 25, 1792.

“I have been so long of hearing anything about you, that I could not longer resist troubling you with a letter, merely to know that you are well; and, though I have just learned this by the favour of the good Bishop of Salisbury,† still I wish for a few lines under your own hand, which I hope you will forgive in an old acquaintance. I wrote to you at the hotel the Bishop mentioned, and will be glad to hear from you and of your literary labours, that I may order them. I still amuse myself about antiquities and etymologies, and beg to know if aught has been discovered about the ‘swearing by the bird.’ I have a conjecture about it—I believe new. I read Tyrwhitt’s Chau-

* John Davidson, Esq. a writer to the signet at Edinburgh, a man of learning, and a very excellent writer, to whose kind offices Bishop Percy was much indebted. See letter of Bishop Percy to Pinkerton, in p. 125 of this volume.

† Dr. Douglas. See Literary Illustrations, VII. 450.

cer lately, and do not think he gives *th* or rather *t* common justice. But I think he gave more credit to Rowley or Chatterton than he should have done. Yet Mr. Tyrwhitt is a respectable name in the republic of letters. I see your name in the Life of Dr. Johnson. His Dictionary should have quoted the editions of the authors and the pages. If Mr. Croft's takes place, I hope he will mend that fault.

"I inclose a trifle about a Scots black-letter book; and have the honour to be, with really high esteem and regard, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient humble servant

"JOHN DAVIDSON.

"The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Dromore,"

Bishop PERCY to HORACE WALPOLE, Earl of ORFORD

"MY LORD, London, Aug. 11, 1792.

"I have at length been able to collect for your Lordship the sheets of Lord Surrey and the Duke of Buckingham. They have been printed off about 25 years. Since the death of Jacob Tonson, at whose instance they were undertaken, and who ought to have assigned them to other persons, they have been wholly discontinued. My fondness for these pursuits declining, I laid both those works aside, till I could offer them to some younger editor than myself, who could with more propriety resume them. I have now an ingenious nephew, of both my names, who is a fellow of St. John's College, in Oxford, and both able and desirous to complete them. To him I have given all the sheets so long since printed off, and whatever papers I had upon the subject.

"A few leaves only are wanting to complete Lord Surrey's version of the 4th *Æneid*: which, with the 2nd ditto, and his Songs and Sonnets, &c. will be sufficient for the text of that Lord's Poems, &c. and the editor will be most gratefully thankful for any information respecting the lives or characters of Lord Surrey and his coadjutors; and for any illustrations that may throw light on their compositions. Correct transcripts had been obtained of Lord Surrey's version of Ecclesiastes, of his Psalms, of one of his Poems on the Londoners; and the same of Sir Thomas Wyatt's Seven Penitential Psalms; but these were of inferior value, and seemed hardly to merit the revival.

"Of the 'Duke of Buckingham' Tonson wished to have

every thing collected which had ever been ascribed to him : but I believe I shall only recommend to my nephew to publish what is numbered vol. I. in the sheets now offered to your Lordship. Between the 'Rehearsal' and the 'Key' were once printed the 'Chances' and the 'Restoration:' but the intermediate sheets have been cancelled and consigned to the trunk-makers. And the same fate awaits the smaller pieces, collected into what is herewith numbered vol. II. They are only submitted to your Lordship in confidence, and I believe you will think them scarcely deserving republication.

"I am now going for some weeks to Tunbridge Wells ; and if, at my return, your Lordship will be pleased to honour me, for the editor's use, with any remarks on the foregoing subjects, it will exceedingly oblige,

"My Lord, your Lordship's most devoted and most obedient subject,
THO. DROMORE."

HORACE Earl of ORFORD to Bishop PERCY.

"Strawberry Hill, Sept. 18, 1792.

"It was not, I assure your Lordship, from any idleness or want of attention to the intended publications, with specimens of which you was pleased to entrust me, that I did not contribute any hints or information : but I have formerly scribbled so much on the subjects in question, and have of late been so much involved, since my nephew's death, in much more disagreeable business, that I had not only exhausted what I knew, but have had² no time to collect new materials, except one single article, which I will mention before I conclude this letter.

"With regard to Sir Thomas Wyat's Despatches, I cannot satisfy your Lordship whether there are more than four in the Museum. It was from Mr. Gray's transcript that I published Sir Thomas's defence : at this distance of time I cannot recollect whether he copied the letters too.

"Give me leave to set your Lordship right about my 'Miscellaneous Antiquities.' I never published but *two* numbers : in the second (which you tell me you have, my Lord) is all I know or could recover relative to Sir Thomas, and consequently I never engaged to say more of him. The first number shall be at your Lordship's service when you come to town.

“ I am much obliged and gladly accept, my Lord, your kind offer of sending me, at your return to Dromore, a copy of the title page of the Countess of Northumberland’s volume of prayers, of which I never heard before. My friend Lady Suffolk, her niece by marriage, has talked to me of her, having on that alliance visited her. She then lived in the house, now White’s, at the upper end of St. James’s Street, and was the last who kept up the ceremonious state of the old peerage : when she went out to visit, a footman bareheaded walked on each side of her coach, and a second coach with her women attended her. I think too that Lady Suffolk told me that her daughter-in-law, the Duchess of Somerset, never sat down before her without her leave to do so. I suppose old Duke Charles had imbibed a good quantity of his stately pride in such a school.

“ Thank you much, my Lord, for taking the trouble to detail the account of Fuller’s pictures of the escape of Charles the Second. I have some imperfect recollection of having heard that they are in Lord Clanbrassil’s possession, and am glad they are so well preserved. Surely, my Lord, so entertaining and informing a letter was too generous to be in want of an apology. To make some sort of return, I can acquaint your Lordship, that in Dr. Harrington’s very precious publication, called ‘ *Nugæ Antiquæ*,’ there is a sweet poem written by the *Viscount Rochford* (whom the Doctor by mistake calls *Earl*, and does not seem to know who he was) brother of Anne Boleyn. The composition is so easy, and so approaching to the refinement of modern poetry, that I found no difficulty of turning it, with few alterations, into the style of the present age, as may be seen by comparing them. This was done on its first appearance, and I had laid it aside, reserving it for a second edition of my ‘ *Noble Authors*,’ if I should ever produce one, which now at my very advanced age is not mighty likely ; and therefore, if your Lordship should think proper to add the original, as it deserves, to Lord Surrey’s Poems, I should have no objection to your giving my version too ; not that it would do me any honour, but as it would prove how a poet of taste, and with a good ear, could anticipate the elegance of a more polished age, though he could not work miracles, as some, who are no conjurors themselves, believe Rowley did, even though

nobody knows that Rowley ever existed. I inclose the verses, and have the honour of being

"Your Lordship's most respectful and most obedient humble servant,
ORFORD.

"P.S. I have made a mistake; for I this moment recollect that the ancient Countess of Northumberland was second wife and widow of the Lord Admiral Algernon, and consequently not mother-in-law, but grandmother-in-law of the Duke of Somerset.

"I am not sure that Lord Rochford's verses were in the first edition of the *Nugæ*, which I have not here; I rather think not. I know the pages of the two editions are not the same."

*Verses [a little modernized, by HORACE WALPOLE] by G. BOLEYN, Viscount ROCHFORD, from Dr. Harrington's Nugæ Antiquæ. Vol. ii. p. 252.**

Awake, my Lute, perform the last
And only service we will waste;
Repeat the strain in sighs begun:
And when the vocal moment's past,
Be still, my Lute, for I have done.

Is music heard, where ear is none?
Can crayons grave on marble stone?
My notes may pierce her heart as soon!
Should we then sigh, or sing, or moan?
No, no, my Lute, we must have done.

The rock unmov'd when ocean raves
As soon shall yield to dashing waves,
As Juliet by my suit be won:
My vows she scorns, thy soothing braves;
Then pray, sweet Lute, let us have done.

Yet Venus shall assert her reign,
Proud Nymph, and punish thy disdain;
Thro' that cold breast a flame shall run,
And me revenge some other swain,
Although my Lute and I have done.

Sad in thy turn, the live-long hour
Of solemn night shall hear thee pour
Thy plaintive descant to the moon;
While thy fair face's fading flow'r
Shall touch me not, for I have done.

Then Juliet shall perhaps repent
Of youth unprofitably spent,
And sigh in vain o'er moments gone;
And finding beauty was but lent,
Shall weep its scorn as I have done.

* Edit. 1779, vol. iii. p. 286. Attributed to Sir Thomas Wyat, p. 74.—
T. DROMORE.

Then cease, my Lute ; be this the last
 And only service we will waste ;
 Here end my love as it begun :
 Be from my heart her name eras'd,
 As from thy strings when thou hast done !

Earl of ORFORD to Bishop PERCY.

“ Strawberry Hill, July 26, 1795.

“ Lord Orford is much obliged to the Bishop of Dro-more for his Lordship’s present of the New Edition of Ancient Poetry, which Lord Orford is persuaded will give him great entertainment.”

Mrs. PIOZZI * to Bishop PERCY.

[Undated.]

“ Mrs. Piozzi has the honour to inform the Bishop that Miss More and she can fix on no day when both are disengaged before next Monday, when the inhabitants of Streatham Park return to their old abode. This is a great disappointment to Mrs. Piozzi, who ever since his Lordship has honoured her with such kind attention has longed to make him a literary confession, but shall scarcely now find any opportunity—unless he would permit a morning visit some day about one o’clock ; an indulgence she is ashamed to pretend to, except through Mrs. Percy’s favour, to whom a thousand compliments.

“ The annexed work of Mr. Murphy’s† will perhaps amuse the Bishop for half an hour—it is not yet published.”

1793.

Rev. SAMUEL HARPER ‡ to Bp. PERCY.

“ MY GOOD LORD,

British Museum,
 Thursday, June 20, 1793.

“ I have, in obedience to your Lordship’s commands, examined, as carefully and minutely as possible, the three several manuscripts described in your Lordship’s letter, and have not the least doubt remaining in my mind as to the particular letters in question.

“ The two first lines of the song in Harl. MS. No. 293, fol. 52, run thus,

‘ Yt felle about the Lamas tide
 When hosbands wyntes their *heaye*,’

and, in Cotton MS. Cleopatra C. iv. thus,

* Mrs. Piozzi died May 2, 1821, aged 82. See a memoir of her in *Gent. Mag.* vol. XCI. i. 470 ; *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. 347, 357, 478.

† Possibly his “ *Essay on the Life and Genius of Dr. Johnson*,” 1792.

‡ See *Lit. Illustrations*, vol. VII. p. 577.

' Yt fell abowght the lamasse tyde
Whan husbonds wynnes ther *haye*.'

In the Cotton MS. Caligula A. II. fol. 33, the first line of the poem seems to me indisputably to consist of these words, viz.

' *Be douzty Artours dawes*.'

"I will, if possible, take an opportunity of paying my respects to your Lordship before you leave town, and, in the mean time, am your Lordship's most faithful and obedient servant,
S. HARPER."

VERNEY LOVETT, Esq. to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Lismore, September 22, 1793.

"To my frequently repeated inquiries for your Lordship, Mrs. Percy and family, I was at last made very happy, by Mr. Jessop's very pleasing information of your and their return to Ireland, in perfect health, which that all may long enjoy unimpaired, with a continuance of every blessing, must ever be the wish of my heart, grateful for received favours, and deeply impressed with the recollection of the many kindnesses I received from your Lordship, Mrs. Percy, and your young ladies, to whom I beg leave, with Mrs. Lovett's, my best respects.

"I have long very anxiously waited your Lordship's return to Ireland, as well to indulge myself in the only opportunity in my power of showing my gratitude and respect, by transmitting to you anything curious that I think may be agreeable, such as I conceive the inclosed may be, which I received from my late father-in-law, to whom it was given by Mr. Power; but that I might have the satisfaction of knowing from your Lordship of your health, and that of Mrs. and the Misses Percy, which I was unwilling to trouble your Lordship with inquiries about during your stay in England, to which I had nothing worth the trouble of sending. I presume you saw there your Lordship's kinsman, my obliging friend, Mr. Cleiveland, and hope you left him well and happy, and more favoured by the smiles of fortune, equal to his merits, than when I last saw him at Worcester.

"A very agreeable gentleman, and a kind friend of mine, Mr. George Hardinge,* is at present in the South of Ireland, and proposes to revisit the North of Ireland, to

* Chief Justice of the counties of Brecon, Glamorgan, and Radnor. Of this eminently-clever man see ample memoirs in vol. III. of *Literary Illustrations*. Mr. Justice Hardinge made two tours in Ireland in 1792 and 1793, of which he left a Journal, in *Letters to a Friend*.

see Lord Londonderry, who is married to his cousin, daughter of Earl Camden. Should your Lordship meet him, I think you will be vastly pleased with him; I met him last year by accident at Waterford, just landed, with an intent of taking a tour through Ireland, of which he has seen much more than I ever expect to do, and proposes doing still more; he called on me, and renewed his visit, though too short, last year, since which he has favoured us with his very entertaining correspondence, and has been so kind as to renew lately the pleasure we enjoyed in his company. I have lately parted with him on board his Majesty's ship the *Medusa*, at Cove, having accompanied him to Mr. Brodrick's, from whence we went to the Bishop of Cloyne's,* in the care of whose amiable family I left him. Though a lawyer, being Chief Justice of part of South Wales, and the Queen's Solicitor General, he has great wit, much taste, and a great deal of poetic reading, and also writes very agreeably.

"I shall be happy at all times to have the pleasure of hearing from your Lordship, and beg you to be assured that I am, with the greatest respect and gratitude, your Lordship's humble servant,
VERNEY LOVETT."

The Earl of WESTMORLAND† to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Dublin Castle, October 30, 1793.

"I received your Lordship's favour, and am very much obliged for your description of the state of your neighbourhood, which, were it not for this unfortunate law question, would be very satisfactory. I shall take every step I can, to have the business arranged in a way that will prevent any check to a manufacture of such importance. I shall be very thankful for a communication from your Lordship of anything further that arises in your neighbourhood: could you tell me what seems the opinion of people of the middling class of the system of volunteering? do you think they have only submitted for a moment, and would take it up again? do they preserve their arms with care, and their uniforms? I beg my acknowledgments on your congratulations on Lady Westmorland's recovery. Your Lordship's very obedient and faithful servant,
WESTMORLAND."

* Dr. Richard Woodward. He died in 1794.

† John Fane, tenth Earl of Westmorland, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from 1790 to 1795. He died Dec. 12, 1841, aged 82. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* for Jan. 1842, p. 207.

1794.

Bp. PERCY to ISAAC REED,* Esq.

"DEAR SIR,

Dublin, April 5, 1794.

"Your very obliging attentions to me when I was in England, have induced me to request a favour of you which will much oblige me. It is this—that you will get the old volume which accompanies this letter handsomely bound, and then replace it in the Library of Dulwich College, whence it was borrowed by me before the fire which happened in 1780 at Northumberland House, and which consumed a great part of my library in my apartments there. You see it hath suffered; but happily not a leaf is wanting, but what was so when I first borrowed it. In the confusion which that fire occasioned, I gathered up all the fragments and relics of my books into chests, which were never opened till they were sent to Ireland, and then I had the pleasure to find that not a single article or leaf was wanting of the several books lent me out of the Library at Dulwich by my old acquaintance Mr. Swan, then one of the Fellows, and whom I had remembered at Christ Church in Oxford. Of those books Mr. Swan, at my desire, had kept a list, which plainly showed I had never intended to deprive the Library of them, and which, if I had, put it in the power of the College to reclaim them. As it was not till I had opened the chests, and had time to sort and arrange the contents, that I knew these books were saved, so, when I happily found they were so, I carefully laid them by to carry them back and restore them the first time I should return to England. But this being delayed some years longer than I expected, and Mr. Malone coming in the interim to Ireland, was so good as to take charge of all but this old volume, and carry them back with him, having promised me to bestow new bindings upon them all, and replace them for me. Which he would have done for me, with his wonted kindness, but I came myself to London; and, having got all of them which had in the least degree suffered in the bindings properly re-bound, &c. I had the pleasure of restoring every individual article, without the loss of a single leaf, to the Library, when I was last in England, except this one old odd volume, the only volume on the subject which I had from the Library, and which had escaped my atten-

* See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 66.

tion. This I am now happy to return, and I have inclosed 5s. which I will entreat you to bestow in a new binding, and will hereafter repay any expense of a messenger to carry it to Dulwich, unless you should have the goodness to make an excursion there yourself; then I hope you will desire the Rev. Mr. Smith, the Fellow of that College, who received all the books from me, to show you every article of which he has the list, that you may be able to vindicate me, as I am sure you will be inclined to do, from any cruel and injurious insinuations which may have been thrown out upon this subject, and for which there could have been no grounds, but for the unfortunate accident of the fire above mentioned, and its unavoidable consequences, &c. In performing this kind act of friendship for an absent man, you will exceedingly oblige, dear Sir,

“Your faithful and most obedient servant,

“THO. DROMORE.

“P.S. My Lord Sunderlin is so good as to convey this parcel to his brother, whom I shall entreat to forward it to you; and I hope you will favour me with a line to inform me when you receive it, and that you are well.”

ISAAC REED, Esq. to Bp. PERCY.

“MY LORD,

Staple Inn, July 11, 1795.

“I received yesterday from the booksellers a copy of the ‘Reliques of Ancient Poetry,’ for which I beg leave to return my acknowledgments, and at the same time take the opportunity of apologising for what I am afraid may have been considered a neglect, in executing the commission you last summer entrusted to my care.

“As soon as I received the book I sent it to the binder, and, when it came out of his hands, went to Dulwich to deliver it to the Librarian. It happened at that time to be his vacation; he was absent, and therefore I was obliged to entrust it with the schoolmaster, leaving a note for Mr. Smith to desire he would acknowledge the receipt of it. In October he called upon me, but I was at Cambridge, and we did not see each other until after Christmas. I then communicated to him such particulars from your Lordship’s letter as related to the book, and was desired by him to assure you that the College were sensible that your conduct towards them had been perfectly honourable, and, whatever insinuations had gone abroad, they both

collectively and individually had no hesitation in declaring their disbelief of them. I was then about writing to your Lordship, when an illness came upon me which took off my attention from everything but myself. In February, I was informed by Dr. Farmer that your Lordship was expected soon in London, and therefore I thought it of less importance to write, as I should have an opportunity in so short a time of communicating the steps I had taken in this business.

"The above detail, which I fear your Lordship will consider very tedious, will, I trust, exonerate me from some of the blame, if it does not altogether excuse me from the whole charge of negligence. I have the honour to be,

"Your Lordship's most obedient and very humble servant,
ISAAC REED."

Bishop PERCY to Bishop SUTTON.*

"MY LORD,

Dublin, April 8, 1794.

"I fear your Lordship will have reason to regret your readiness to oblige, when you find what trouble it entails upon you. Your kind acceptance of my nephew, as a candidate for holy orders, has encouraged me to apply again to your Lordship.

"I beg to be informed, when your Lordship will hold your next public Ordination for your diocese; and then, if you will have the goodness to admit among your candidates a young gentleman † whom I hope you will find well qualified, it will exceedingly oblige me. His case, which is rather particular, is briefly this: He is the son of a very worthy clergyman, who was formerly a private tutor at Eton, but is now settled in Ireland. His son has been regularly educated at Trinity College, in Dublin, where he has just taken his Bachelor's degree: but by a private regulation, some time since established here, the Irish Bishops are prevented from conferring orders till the candidates have attended a certain course of lectures in Trinity College. In the interim, his father is not only upon the point of losing his curate in a living at some

* Bishop of Norwich, and afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury. He died July 21st, 1828, aged 73. See a memoir of him *Gent. Mag.* vol. XCVIII. ii. pp. 173, 194.

† Rev. Mr. Sturrock, son of the Rev. William Sturrock. See p. 316.

distance from his own residence, but is also suffering great loss from the mismanagement of his affairs by a bad tithe-proctor; and, if this young gentleman waits the course prescribed by his college, it will be a year and a half longer before he can receive his dismissal, although he is of full age for deacon's orders, being at or near 23. In the interim, the delay will be attended with even ruinous effects to his worthy family. As I am prevented by the above-mentioned regulation from ordaining him myself, I cannot but wish to get him admitted a candidate in England, where I shall desire his literary and theological attainments may be submitted to any proper examination; but for his moral character I can be answerable myself, having known him from a child, and being firmly persuaded he will be a valuable acquisition to the clerical profession."

Bishop SUTTON to Bishop PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD,

Palace, Aug. 16, 1794.

"At the time I received your Lordship's letter, and from that period to this, I was and have been overwhelmed with public business, and private distress. My Visitation (a circuit of six weeks' continuance) prevented me holding a public Ordination at the usual time. I shall hold one on the 21st of next month; and shall very readily admit Mr. Sturrock, under your Lordship's recommendation, as a candidate for deacon's orders. Mr. Sturrock will make his appearance at Norwich on the Wednesday preceding the day of Ordination. A very short statement of facts will, I am persuaded, be sufficient to apologise for any apparent neglect of your Lordship's application.

"It was necessary that the time should be fixed for Ordination before your Lordship's letter could be answered to any good purpose. The arrangements of a primary Visitation are numerous; and the duties of it sufficiently anxious. As the time approached I could think of nothing else; and, on the threshold of the business, I sustained a shock by a severe loss in my family, from the effects of which I am scarcely at this hour recovered. The time of Ordination is only just fixed.

"I have the honour to be, my dear Lord, your faithful, humble servant.

C. NORWICH."

The Abbé de TRÉVERN * to Bishop PERCY.

No. 10, Green-street, Grosvenor-square,
London, July 9, 1794.

“MY LORD,

“Will you allow me to trouble your Lordship with an humble request? The case is this :

“The Bishop of Langres, who lives at Constance, has been engaged for a long time on a work that he means to publish by the way of a subscription: the subject he is writing upon you will better know from the inclosed Prospectus, and will, I hope, appear to your Lordship equally interesting to the established church, as the hierarchy is kept up in your spiritual government.

“The author, Mr. de la Luzerne, Bishop of Langres, Duke and Peer of France, brother to the late French ambassador to the Court of England, is one of the most learned bishops of the Gallican church, no less celebrated for the many writings by which he defended the Church against the innovations of the National Assembly, than for his generosity in sharing with the exiled clergy of his diocese, as long as in his power, what he had been able to save from the wreck of his fortune. After having supported his clergymen, he begins now to feel himself distressed; and he is obliged to provide for his own subsistence. But all his talents and abilities will prove of no avail without subscribers. He desires me to get as many as I can in this country. Unhappily he applies to me at a time when the town is very thin.

“I most earnestly beg leave to call for your assistance. I know you are a friend to every kind of learning, as you are a stranger to none. Be so good, my Lord, as to patronise this subscription in Ireland, to recommend it to your brother Bishops, and all your learned acquaintances of every communion. They may send their names to J. Booker, according to the note in the Prospectus, and the advertisement in the Times † of yesterday, the 8th of July, which I suppose is seen in every county in Ireland.

* Vicar-General of Langres.

† “Subscription for a Work by the Bishop of Langres.—J. Booker has the honour to inform the public in general, that he is authorised to open a subscription for the above Work, which will shortly be published at Constance.

“The author is M. de la Luzerne, Duke and Bishop of Langres, Peer of France, and brother to the late French ambassador of that name to the Court of England, one of the most learned bishops of the Gallican Church.—This Work is entitled, *Dissertations on the respective rights of Bishops and Priests in the Church*; it will be published in French.

“Subscriptions are taken in by J. Booker, No. 56, New Bond-street,

“ Pardon me, my Lord, for the trouble of this letter : I beg you will accept my excuses, and also my most sincere acknowledgment of the pains you will be at in favour of the Bishop of Langres.

“ I have the honour to subscribe myself, my Lord, your Lordship’s most obedient, humble servant,

“ L’ABBÉ de TRÉVERN, Vic. Gen. of Langres.

“ Be pleased to present my best respects to Mrs. Percy, and to the young ladies : I hope this will find all the family in good health.”

“ MY LORD,

Castle Howard, Yorkshire, Nov. 1, 1794.

“ I have the honour to return your Lordship my sincerest acknowledgments for the trouble you have the goodness to take in promoting our subscription. I sent up to London the names of the most reverend and learned subscribers : they are certainly qualified to reflect an honour upon the list, and to become an inducement to many more to follow the example. But I must confess to your Lordship the apprehensions I am under about the publication of the Work. It was not to be printed but after 1500 subscribers could have been secured ; a great many were expected, I know, from Flanders, Brabant, the Electorates, &c. Now that those wretched countries are run over by the Republicans, there is no depending upon subscribers from that quarter. What shall the Bishop of Langres resolve, I do not know. I wrote to him to that purpose ; but, owing perhaps to the difficulties of correspondence, I have no answer. When I receive any, I will not fail to communicate it to your Lordship ; in the mean time, I think we may go on, and take in as many subscribers as may come in our way. The publication must certainly be put off for some time, more or less : but I hope it will take place as soon as opportunity serves. I know the work is very much advanced, and, if it be wholly finished before it is sent to the printing-house, the promptitude of the delivery will make amends for the delay of the first publication.

“ I have luckily found in my *portefeuille* the advertisement in the Times, which I now inclose ; but you will perhaps think there is no need to be at the trouble and

(London). It will consist of 4 or 5 volumes in octavo ; each volume 4s. to subscribers. The money to be paid on delivery. Letters, post paid, addressed to J. Booker, will be duly attended to.”

the expense of having it reprinted in your Dublin papers, till we know the Bishop of Langres's intention of publishing, under the present calamitous circumstances of the war.

"After two months' stay in Yorkshire, I am going to Mr. Constable, near Dumfries, Scotland, and propose coming back to town in January. Had the season been less pluvius, and my emigrant purse not so dry, I would have been much tempted to cross at Portpatrick, to go and present your Lordship my respects in Ireland.

"*'Sed quò non possum corpore, mente feror.'*

"I have the honour to be, with the sincerest gratitude, my Lord, your most obedient, humble servant,

"TRÉVERN.

"I beg the honour of presenting my respects to Mrs. Percy, and the young ladies."

REV. JOSEPH STIRLING * to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

London, April 24, 1794.

"My friend Mr. Johnes, whom I have mentioned to you, is at present engaged in a very interesting work, a translation of Froissart. He apprehends that he may occasionally be at some loss about the names of persons and places, as old Lord Berners was before him; therefore he requests me to endeavour to open a correspondence between your Lordship and him, that he might consult you from time to time, if any difficulty of the sort I have mentioned should occur. I dare say your Lordship will be pleased, as much as I am, to find a man of rank and fortune employing his time so well, and dare say you will be happy to contribute what you can towards the elucidation of an author whom we justly admire. When I shall have the pleasure of your Lordship's answer, I shall communicate the purport to Mr. Johnes. I remain, with best respects to Mrs. Percy and family, your Lordship's obedient servant,

JOSEPH STIRLING.

"Please to direct to me at Mr. Payne's, Mews Gate."

* See page 284.

"MY LORD, London, May 27, 1794.

"I have received a letter from Mr. Johnes, who is much flattered by your friendly and polite attention. I send you a letter from him. I was to have received a catalogue of the Quixotic library from Edwards the bookseller, but by some accident it has been lost or mislaid; so that we must wait till Mr. Johnes returns to Hafod, (at present he is with his militia at Swansea,) and he will then be able to give you one more complete than Mr. Grenville's, as he has made some additions since, and had besides some curious articles before he purchased from Mr. Grenville.

"I remain your Lordship's obedient servant,

"J. STIRLING."

THOMAS JOHNES, * Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, Swansea, May 15, 1794.

"I beg your Lordship will accept of my warmest thanks and acknowledgments for the very obliging letter you wrote to Mr. Stirling, and which I had the pleasure to receive last night.

"I am very happy you approve of my undertaking, and shall labour as hard as I can to make it deserving of your Lordship's compliments.

"I feel as I ought your liberal offer of assistance, which I shall take the liberty of availing myself of with no small share of pride.

"Your Lordship may, perhaps, not be displeased to know from what cause this Translation is attempted. At M. Paris' sale, I bought a fine copy of Froissart, and the finest printed vellum copy I ever saw; it came from the Prince de Soubise's library, and was unknown to Denys Sauvage.

"Mrs. Johnes one winter's evening, as I was reading part of it to her, offered to write for me if I would translate it, and give her the profits to build an habitation for six poor old men and six old women, and endow it afterwards at so much per week.

"I wrote to my friend Mr. Edwards, of Pall Mall, who directly accepted the proposal, and made the most gene-

* Mr. Johnes died April 23, 1816, aged 67. See Memoir in Gent. Mag. vol. LXXXVI. part i. pp. 469, 563; and of the sad fire at his seat at Hafod, in p. 285 of this volume.

rous offers. Idle and indolent as I am, when thus driven to the wall, I could not refuse, but, indeed, to use a French phrase, 'Si je n'avois pas peur, je tremblois,' and put it off as long as I could: repeated scoldings, &c. made me begin on it last year, and, to my surprise, it was approved of in London. This has now given me spirits, and I am now putting my shoulders to it in earnest, and shall do my utmost that my friends' partiality may not be blamed more than needs.

"I inquired of Lord Lansdowne, but in vain, after Lady Pomfret's copy or notes; but as I must be in London again next week, I shall renew my inquiries after it.

"The Château d'Alquest is mentioned before the battle of Otterburn, which from the distance mentioned, *six miles* from Edinburgh, I put down as Dalkeith: but there will be many names of persons and places that I despair of, for Denys Sauvage in his time could not make them out, and Lord Berners adds confusion to confusion.

"I endeavour to make my Translation as exact as possible, and I never look into Lord Berners' but when in *great* doubt. I consult Cotgrave's Dictionary, which I find invaluable, and Lacombe's Dictionnaire du Vieux Language. But I am here with my regiment, without the assistance I should have at home from my own library, and am reduced to make marks for future researches.

"I am building a new room for my books, so that they are at present all in confusion, but Mr. Edwards has my Catalogue of the Romances, which he bought from Mr. Grenville, and I have desired Mr. Stirling to inquire of him for it.

"My intention is to collate my printed vellum copy with two copies I have in MS. and with all the others I can find, for I believe few MSS. are the same. Those in the Museum I have seen with great pleasure, and we intend to have some of the best illuminations engraven on wood, by a young man of most promising abilities.

"With again thanking your Lordship for your kind attention to me, I am, my Lord, your much obliged, humble servant,

"T. JOHNES."

Bp. PORTEUS to Bp. PERCY.

“MY LORD,

St. James's Square, April 2, 1794.

“I wrote to you about a month ago respecting the Whitehall Preachership, which you wished for your nephew, and informed you that I should have given it him with great pleasure if he had been a resident member of the University, which is an indispensable qualification.

“With respect to the Bishop of Down,* I have found out his residence in London, and have seen him. A Mr. Des Carrieres produced to me lately a certificate of deacon's orders under the hand and seal of the Bishop of Down; but the Bishop informs me that he never ordained such a person, and that the certificate, of course, is a false one. I desired his Lordship to write to the Archbishop of Cashel, to inform him of this, and to prevent this man being ordained by any of the Irish Bench. I shall endeavour to punish him as he deserves.

“I have lately been informed that a printer or bookseller of the name of Dorwin, in Grafton Street, Dublin, published a book, or pamphlet, not long since, entitled, ‘An Answer, on their own Principles, to direct and consequential Atheists, by Daniel Thomas, Esq.’ which book, he said, had received *my entire approbation*.† Now I do not recollect that I ever saw this book, and certainly never expressed any approbation of it. If the bookseller has any proof of such approbation, let him produce it; if not, I expect him to retract and to contradict this assertion. Will your Lordship have the goodness to send for the man, and talk to him on the subject, and inform me what he has to say for himself; for I am told there are passages in this book highly exceptionable.

“I beg pardon for giving you this trouble, and am your Lordship's most faithful and obedient servant,

“B. LONDON.

“P.S. May I beg the favour of you to inform me whether the Bishop of Waterford‡ is there, or at Dublin. I wrote to him lately, and directed to the latter place.”

* Dr. Dickson. See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 455.

† The advertisement alluded to by Bishop Porteus may be seen in the following letter of Mr. Thomas.

‡ Dr. W. Newcome; afterwards Abp. of Armagh. He died Jan. 11, 1800, in his 71st year. See an account of him and his writings in Chalmers's Dictionary, and Gent. Mag. for 1800, pp. 90, 219.

DANIEL THOMAS, Esq. to Mr. DORWIN.

"Sir, I request that, after the publication of this work, in such papers as you may deem necessary, you may have the foregoing paragraphs inserted in them, and have the honour to be, your humble servant,

D. THOMAS.

"Solsborough."*

"The utility of this Work cannot be doubted by any person, who reflects on the number of atheistical productions which at present brave the face of day in France, or the high estimation in which the Essays of Hume are holden in the British dominions; but if he gives any credit to the assertions of Mr. Burke, concerning the universal prevalence of Atheism in the former kingdom—the theatre where our young men are prepared for their appearance in the world—he must be convinced of the absolute necessity thereof, particularly as the Treatise contains the most striking proofs that Atheists have never been met in argument, much less refuted, by Theists. Nor has the sanction of their applause been refused to the work, by very eminent Divines, and some of them mitred, or by very able Philosophers. The Bishop of London, so deservedly celebrated for his Sermons, thus expresses himself in a letter addressed to a nobleman of this kingdom: 'Permit me to return your Lordship my best thanks for the honour of your letter, and of the ingenious tract you were so obliging to leave for me in St. James's Square. The author is most unquestionably a man of distinguished talents.' After this encomium, his Lordship makes not the smallest objection to any part of the work, but to some strictures on the cavils of Doctor Beattie, concluding a very long series of observations on this head in the following terms: 'In other respects it has certainly considerable merit, and shows great powers both of reasoning and writing, which will probably one day raise the author to a high rank in the republic of letters.'"

Bishop PORTEUS to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

St. James's Square, April 15, 1794.

"I return you many thanks for the trouble you have taken respecting D. Thomas's book, and the opinion I was said to have given of it, which I now begin to suspect I did really give, although it had completely escaped my

* The seat of Commissioner Richards, near Wexford.

memory. Your quotation of the words themselves, and your mention of Lord Valentia, brought back circumstances to my mind which otherwise probably would never have recurred to it. I now recollect, that about two years ago Lord Valentia (whom I never saw, but who, at different times, has written to me on different subjects) sent me a book, written, as he said, by a friend of his, and with it a very long letter speaking very highly both of the author and his work, and pressing me in very strong terms both to read the book and to give him my opinion of it. Though I have very little leisure either for reading or writing, and was, I believe, at that time, very much engaged in business, yet I ran through the whole or the greater part of the book very hastily, and, I fear, in some parts inattentively. I saw peculiarities in it, and some things which I did not approve, but I saw also that the author was a man of talents and of ingenuity; and, as I perceived that Lord Valentia was very much interested about the author and the success of his work, and very desirous to have a young writer encouraged, I expressed myself with all the civility I could, consistently with truth, but without the smallest imagination that what I said would go further than Lord Valentia himself, much less that it would ever be published. Had I been aware of anything like this, I should certainly have written with much more caution and reserve. At the same time, you will observe that my compliments are confined almost entirely to the author's abilities, and powers of reasoning and writing; but there is no approbation expressed of the *main tendency* and *leading principles* of the *work itself*, much less of every doctrine advanced in it, or every argument employed in it. I only say of it in general terms, that it is an ingenious tract, and has considerable merit; and in that your Lordship seems to think I am not much mistaken. But I remember very well that I was much disgusted and offended with the manner in which my friend Dr. Beattie was treated, and with the encomiums bestowed on Mr. Hume. And on this part of the work I gave my sentiments (as the author himself acknowledges) *very much at large*, and, I believe, also with some warmth. And having taken this freedom with Lord Valentia's friend, I probably thought it necessary to qualify these strictures with a few general compliments to the author himself.

"This being the real state of the case, as far as I am able, at this distance of time, to recal it to my memory, I agree with your Lordship that it will be best to take no further notice of this business. I will only trouble you to send to Dorwin once more, and inform him, that, on recollection, I believe that I *did* write to Lord Valentia in terms something like those mentioned in the Advertisement; that, however, I did not mean to express a general and unqualified approbation of the *whole* book, or *every* part of it; that, on the contrary, there were some things in it which I did *not* approve, a few of which I specified to Lord Valentia; that I still think the author a man of talents, and his book a work of merit; but that I did by no means intend that my opinion should be made public, and am much displeased to find that it has been made so without my consent. It seems necessary that something of this sort should be made known to the bookseller, because I understand that there *are* some things in the book which are thought exceptionable, and that my approbation has occasioned some surprize.

"If you will inform me how I can convey a book to you without more expense than it is worth, I will beg your acceptance of my second volume of Sermons, which will soon be made public; and am,

"Your Lordship's obliged and faithful servant,

"B. LONDON.

Mr. CHARLES RIVINGTON* to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

London, March 18, 1794.

"I very much wish that the Reliques of Poetry may be ready in time for publication this spring; indeed, we have more reasons than one, as we have a considerable bill from the stationer to discharge.

"The plates have been carefully repaired by a good engraver.

"Mr. Valentine Green lives in Berners Street, Oxford Street.

"I have inclosed to your Lordship No. 3 of the Proposals for a Reformation of Principles, which will, I hope, meet with your Lordship's approbation. I am, my Lord,

"Your Lordship's most obedient servant,

"CHARLES RIVINGTON."

* Mr. C. Rivington died May 26, 1831, aged 76. See Gent. Mag. vol. CI. i. 569.

"MY LORD,

London, April 12, 1794.

"I have sent to Mr. Archer, for your Lordship, a copy of Michaelis on the New Testament, but I really thought I had discharged every claim your Lordship was disposed to make, on account of the 'Key to the New Testament.'

"I have no proofs of the plates to the Reliques. I saw them, and thought they would do very well, but did not keep them.

"I am very desirous of the work being finished, and fear the delay has been occasioned by the many concerns which Mr. Nichols has to attend to, some of which must, in course, be neglected. I am, my Lord,

"Your Lordship's most obedient servant,

"CHARLES RIVINGTON."

"MY LORD,

London, May 31, 1794.

"I inclose for your Lordship's inspection proofs of the plates to the Reliques. It may be proper to mention that you see them to a disadvantage, as the whole number of the impression was printed off before these proofs were pulled.

"I trouble your Lordship for your directions respecting advertising. The work is now nearly completed, and therefore it should be announced as nearly ready. I understand that some additions have been made to this edition, which it may be material to mention in the Advertisement; but, as the title-page only expresses the work to be revised and corrected, I would not do it without your Lordship's entire approbation.

"I therefore beg the favour of your Lordship's direction as early as possible, as the season will soon be over. I am,

"Your Lordship's most obedient servant,

"CHARLES RIVINGTON.

"P.S. I wish also to know your Lordship's sentiments respecting the price. I conceive it cannot be less than five shillings per volume, in boards."

Bp. PERCY to Mr. RIVINGTON.

"SIR,

Dublin, June 13, 1794.

"I am so little interested about the amusements of my youth, that, had it not been for the benefit of my nephew, I could contentedly have let the 'Reliques of Ancient Poetry' remain unpublished. Yet I cannot think they

will be neglected by the public, if once announced to them in the most simple form ; and, therefore, must desire that there be no mention of *additions* in the Advertisement, as this edition contains only one trifling insertion that is perfectly new. I am willing the words 'revised and corrected' may stand in the Advertisement, though now I here desire they may be omitted in the title-page, as all the former impressions did very well without any notice of this kind, to which some (especially the second) had a much better claim than this ; neither can I consent that one of those trifling volumes should be charged more than 4s. in boards.

"If you think the above restrictions may occasion any loss to you, I am willing to release you from it, by repaying you the 30% which you paid my nephew for a quarter share of this edition, with full interest from the time ; and will, by return of post, send you a draft to the amount.

"I am also very willing you should charge to me the price of the three volumes of Michaelis's Lectures, and then I cannot be again upbraided with making fresh demands after you thought you had 'really discharged every claim I was disposed to make on account of the Key.' This charge I little expected after I had so generously GIVEN you my labours (for, I believe, the executors of L. Davis could not legally have sold the property of that book without my consent, as I never received one shilling of copy money for it), requiring only the compliment of some copies to give away ; for, as for the set of 'Collins's Peerage,' that was positively a debt for having almost new written near half a volume of that work, and which had been withheld at the instance of your father.

"In the Preface to the 'Key,' &c. I had referred to this very edition of Michaelis, and could not have been competent to have reviewed my own book without it. And you ungenerously upbraided me with making new demands upon you, for this trifling requisition, in order to complete and improve the next edition for *your own* emolument.

"Among all the Booksellers with whom I have had dealings, I never met with anything so narrow and illiberal as this. I shall certainly be careful how I again subject myself to this kind of treatment. Sir,

"Your obedient, humble servant,

"T. DROMORE.

"Below I send a sketch of the Advertisement, which you will fill up, but I insist that not a syllable be added between the words 'Reliques' and 'London' but what is here proposed :

"In the Press, and speedily will be published, in 3 vols. crown 8vo. price 12s. in boards,

"RELIQUES of ANCIENT ENGLISH POETRY : consisting of Old Heroic Ballads, Songs, and other Pieces of our earlier Poets; together with some few of later date. The Fourth Edition, revised and corrected. London : Printed, &c. &c. &c."

Mr. CHARLES RIVINGTON to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

London, June 30, 1794.

"I am much concerned to find that what I wrote respecting the copy of Michaelis has given your Lordship so much displeasure as to occasion my receiving so severe a letter.

"I had no intention of offending your Lordship ; what I said was in consequence of your Lordship having intimated that you had reason to complain of my not having sent the book without its being mentioned. Not being aware of the connection between it and the 'Key,' it did not occur to me that I had been guilty of any omission in not sending it, and therefore I was desirous of vindicating myself. If, in doing so, I have written anything that has been offensive to your Lordship's feelings, I am extremely sorry for it, and hope your Lordship will excuse it.

"Experience may, I hope, in time convince your Lordship that neither my brother nor myself are narrow or illiberal in our dealings.

"I thought there had been some additions to the new edition of the Reliques of Poetry, which was the reason that I mentioned naming them in the Advertisement.

"Your Lordship will see the book advertised on the wrapper of the 'British Critic,' in the manner directed.

"I have been obliged to defer answering that part of your Lordship's letter which respects the price until now, as Mr. Nichols was out of town, and I could not know before Friday last the expense of the printing, and therefore was unable to form any calculation of the cost of the new edition.

"I should be happy to comply with your Lordship's wishes in fixing the price ; but it really appears, that, if

any profit is to be derived from the book, that it cannot be sold for less than 4s. 6d. per vol. in boards.

"At this price, 700 copies must be sold before the expenses of the edition will be repaid.

"I am persuaded your Lordship will agree with me in opinion, that it is fair and reasonable that the public should pay such a price as will afford a moderate profit to the proprietors of the edition; and, if the quantity of matter contained in the volumes is compared with other works, it will appear to be a cheap publication at 4s. 6d. per vol. in boards.

"I have consulted Mr. Nichols, whose long experience in business, and liberality of disposition, your Lordship must be well acquainted with, and he agrees with me in opinion that the price I have mentioned is a very fair one for the public to pay.

"I presume to hope that this representation will weigh with your Lordship, and induce you to consent that the book may be sold at the price I have mentioned.

"I am, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient servant,
CHARLES RIVINGTON."

1795.

T. J. MATHIAS,* Esq. to Bp. PERCY.

"Queen's Treasury, July 18, 1795.

"Mr. Thomas Mathias presents his compliments to the Bishop of Dromore, and requests the favour of his acceptance of the inclosed short composition. It is a Latin ode, which Mr. Mathias addressed, a few years ago, to Mr. Orde, the Governor of the Isle of Wight, when Mr. Mathias was there in the summer of the year ninety-one; and of which he lately printed some copies privately.

"Mr. Mathias was much concerned he had not the pleasure of seeing the Bishop, when he called in Scotland Yard."

"MY LORD,

Scotland Yard, July 20, 1795.

"I beg leave to express my obligations to you for your very kind attention, and the very flattering manner in which you take notice of the little composition which I sent. The present of your nephew's edition of the 'Reliques of Ancient Poetry' is most acceptable; and I shall renew

* See Literary Illustrations, VII. 33, VIII. 312.

my acquaintance with those volumes, which contain so many proofs of your Lordship's learning, ingenuity, and curious investigation, with peculiar pleasure. I make no doubt, in the additions I shall observe that the *golden branch* has not failed.

"You lead me to hope that I shall not intrude too much on your time, by desiring your acceptance of a new edition of some Runic Odes, which I published some years ago. I have also inclosed a short Latin composition, which I addressed to my most intimate friend, the present public orator of the University of Cambridge, the Rev. Mr. Mansel. It is written by a *parrot*, as it appears, who was made vocal by the neglect of the orator. But a note explains the occasion, and will save you further trouble on so slight a subject. I very lately printed a few copies privately.

"I shall endeavour to have the pleasure of calling on you before you leave town, and hope I shall be so fortunate as to meet you at home. I have the honour to be, with great regard, my Lord,

"Your sincere and obliged servant,

"THOS. J. MATHIAS.

"P.S. My mother desires me to say that she is extremely concerned she was not at home when Mrs. Percy did her the favour to call, and begs to join me in compliments to her."

"MY LORD, Friday, July 24, 1795.

"It is with some diffidence that I take the liberty of desiring your acceptance of the inclosed. Several years ago, I was so much struck with the fine old poem of 'Hardyknute,' in your valuable and curious Reliques of our Ancient Poetry, that I was tempted to write a little illustration of it, which, by a very strong figure of speech, I called a commentary. As it pleased some particular friends of mine to whom I shewed it, I printed privately a few copies of it, and, as I have a small number by me, I hope you will forgive my sending you two of them, though I can hardly think them worth your attention. I hope also you will excuse my having substituted modern spelling for the ancient. I am, with great regard, my Lord, your obliged and sincere servant,

"THOS. J. MATHIAS."

"MY LORD,

Scotland Yard, July 25, 1795.

"I send you the book which you desire; and, at the same time, I must beg to return my thanks to you for the information I have received from the 'Northern Antiquities,' and from the additional illustrations of them which I always believed to have proceeded from your pen. Many years ago, I find that I ventured to put your name in MS. at the end of the elegant dedication to the late Duke of Northumberland. If I have done wrong, you will excuse me, I hope. I am, with great regard, my Lord, your obliged and sincere servant,

"THOS. J. MATHIAS."

Duke of LEEDS* to Bp. PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD,

North Mims, July 22, 1795.

"I return you the books with many thanks. There certainly can be no objection, in my apprehension, to republishing the poem on the Installation, though it bears hard on Lord Danby; but, having already appeared, the mischief (such as it is) is already done.

"I have been reading Dryden's 'Play', and could not but lament he had laid himself so open to the witty Duke's † ridicule. Nothing can be better than his Grace's 'Parody.' May I beg of your Lordship to make my best acknowledgments to Mr. Percy, for the 'Reliques of Ancient English Poetry' he has had the goodness to send me. 'The Chances' are certainly somewhat broad, but the 'Restoration,' I think, has great merit. I forget whether Colman made any use of it in his alteration of 'Philaster.' Believe me, my dear Lord,

"Your Lordship's very faithful and affectionate servant,
"LEEDS."

"MY DEAR LORD,

St. James's Square, Dec. 28, 1795.

"I am quite shocked you should think any apology necessary for leaving us the other night; we certainly regretted, as every body must do, being deprived of your company before we broke up; but I should be extremely

* Francis Osborne, fifth Duke of Leeds. He died Jan. 21, 1799, aged 48. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* LXIX. 168. His Christian names are usually given in the Peerages as Francis-Godolphin; but this would appear to be a mistake: see a letter of Mr. Francis-Godolphin Waldron on that subject in *Gent. Mag.* 1799, p. 286.

† The Duke of Buckingham.

sorry to have my friends consider either myself or my house as of so ceremonious a character, as to prevent their being perfectly at their ease. The oftener I see them the happier I shall be.

"Believe me, my dear Lord, very sincerely and affectionately yours,
LEEDS."

Bp. PERCY to Earl SPENCER.*

"MY LORD, *London and Leeds* August, 1795.

"Not having the slightest pretensions to solicit any favour from your Lordship, I cannot help laying before you a case which has strongly interested my compassion.

"About 18 years ago I knew a deserving young clergyman in Northumberland, who, by a fall from his horse, lost his life and left a young widow, with three small children, in great distress.

"By the exertions of her friends, and the assistance of the fund for supporting the Sons of the Clergy, her eldest son, an amiable youth, received an education which fitted him for a clerk's place in any office in London.

"He was well established as a clerk in the Royal Exchange Assurance Office; but, unfortunately, the sedentary confinement in that office is so injurious to his health, that he is obliged to quit it, or his life will soon terminate in a consumption.

"Born on the sea-shore, he has a great desire for the sea service, and, having heard that there are many vacancies among the second lieutenants in the Marines, he would think himself the happiest of men if he could attain that situation.

"From my knowledge of his father, he has ventured to communicate his wishes to me, who really could wish to save his poor mother from the second severe affliction the loss of this young man would occasion.

"I could not, however, presume to encourage his hopes, and have only ventured now, unknown to him, to lay these circumstances before your Lordship.

"I know your humanity would lead you to make the heart of this poor widow sing for joy, if it were proper or convenient, and if it be otherwise, I cannot presume to trouble you with any solicitation. I must only request

* George-John second Earl Spencer, the celebrated book collector. He died Nov. 10, 1834, aged 76. See memoirs of him in *Gent. Mag. New Series*, vol. III. p. 89: and notices of him in *Literary Anecdotes*, VII. 391, 679; *Literary Illustrations*, General Index.

that your Lordship will pardon this intrusion; and believe me to be, with great respect, my Lord,

“Your Lordship’s most obedient and most humble servant,

“T. DROMORE.”

Earl SPENCER to Bp. PERCY.

“MY LORD,

Admiralty, August 6, 1795.

“The case which your Lordship has done me the honour to transmit to me is one to which, on all accounts, I should be extremely happy to pay attention, and, had the young man been a little younger, I should, without any difficulty, have set his name down for a commission of Marines on the first disengaged vacancy; but, it being an inviolable regulation in the service not to appoint to those situations persons who are past the age of one-and-twenty, I am afraid I must confine myself to expressing my regret, that I am not able to return your Lordship a more satisfactory answer. I have the honour to be,

“Your Lordship’s most obedient, humble servant,

“SPENCER.”

Rev. WILLIAM STURROCK to Bishop PERCY.

“MY LORD,

Seapatrik, Oct. 30, 1795.

“In preference to every subject I beg leave to express my most sincere congratulations and felicitations on Miss Percy’s marriage. Though we could not at first forbear regretting her establishment in another kingdom, yet we cannot doubt that Mrs. Isted and her husband will often favour Dromore with their visits, which will give great pleasure to her numerous friends in this country, and particularly to us who have been so much obliged by her kind and friendly attentions.

“I am very grateful to your Lordship for the kind interest you take in my preferment. I have the strongest assurances of the Lord Lieutenant’s anxiety to do something for me, and I cannot doubt of soon receiving some mark of his favour. His Excellency is expected at Mr. Stewart’s in a few days, and I am asked to pay my respects to him there: all the family at Mr. Stewart’s are perfectly well, and Lady Castlereagh very fortunately escaped lately with a slight bruise on her leg from a very dangerous accident, her ponies having run off with the cabriolet among the trees and overturned it. Miss Elizabeth, who was with her, escaped unhurt. Lord

Castlereagh and Mr. Stewart have purchased from Mr. Conolly the borough of Newtown Limavady, which they hope to exchange for Newtown Ardes. This will add to their consequence, and is a very pleasing appendage to a good estate and title. Probably by this time your Lordship has met with Mr. Stewart and Lady Emily in London.

"Your Lordship has, doubtless, heard much of the skirmishes between the Defenders and Break-o'day or Orange Boys in the county of Armagh. There have been several lives lost, and much malicious destruction of property on both sides, and especially by the Orange Boys.

"Your Lordship's most obliged and dutiful servant,
"WM. STURROCK."

1796.

Rev. Dr. HALES* to Bishop PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD, Killesandra, Ireland, June 6, 1796.

"Accept my best acknowledgments and thanks for your kind letter and friendly discharge of my commission. I should myself have preferred Messrs. Cadell and Davies

* Rev. William Hales, D.D. was a Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, and Professor of the Oriental Languages, and Rector of Killesandra, in the province of Ulster. "Dr. Hales was possessed of a comprehensive mind, master of all sciences, ancient and modern, and blessed with the talent of applying and communicating it for the best purposes." (Mr. Gough, in *Gent. Mag.* 1800, p. 345.)—In 1778 he published "*Sonorum Doctrina rationalis et experimentalis ex Newtoni et Optimorum Physicorum scriptis, etc.; cui præmittitur Disquisitio de Aëre et Modificationibus Atmospheræ.*" 4to.—"*Analysis of Equations,*" but it was taken up by Baron Maseres, who inserted it in his "*Scriptores Logarithmici,*" and printed 250 separate copies of it. 1784. ("The best work on the subject." *Month. Rev.* lxxiv. 140.)—"De Motibus Planetarum, &c. *i. e.* A Dissertation on the Motions of the Planets in Eccentric Orbits, according to the Newtonian Theory." 1786. 8vo. (*Monthly Review*, lxxiv. 66.)—"Observations on the Political Influence of the Pope's Supremacy. Addressed to the Rev. Dr. Butler. 1787." 8vo. (*Month. Rev.* lxxvii. 417.)—"A Survey of the Modern State of the Church of Rome; with additional Observations on the Doctrine of the Pope's Supremacy." 1789. 8vo. (*Month. Rev.* lxxxi. 377.)—"Observations on Tithes, showing the Inconveniences of all the Schemes that have been proposed for altering the Ancient Manner of providing for the Established Clergy of Ireland. To which is added, a second edition of *The Moderate Reformer*; or, a Proposal for Abolishing some of the most obvious and gross Abuses that have crept into the Church of England, and are the occasion of frequent complaints against it; by A Friend to the Church of England." 1794. "*The Moderate Reformer*" was by Baron Maseres. (See *Month. Rev.* 1795, xvii. 213.)—"The Inspector; or, Select Literary Intelligence for the Vulgar A.D. 1798, but correct A.D. 1801, the first year of the nineteenth century." ("Under this singular title much useful information

from general character, and their terms I think perfectly reasonable; better, indeed, at present, neither my vanity nor your partiality could expect. But, with your approbation and theirs, I shall change my plan, and postpone the Essay on 'Christ's Manifestation to the Magi,' for the more important, and, since Paine's last publication, more interesting, topic of a 'Review of the Evidences of our Lord's Resurrection,' in which I happen to be engaged at this time, to satisfy, if I can, the honest doubts of an inquiring lady, with whom I had some conversation last year, and who has drawn me into a correspondence on the subject.

"Indeed, I am the more strongly inclined to this measure because it seems to be the fashion at present to concede rather too much to gainsayers. Gilpin professes 'to lay little stress on these unimportant variations,' and refers for some satisfaction to West, and perhaps more to Benson. (Matt. 28, i. note.) And yet, unimportant as he calls them, they are the strongholds and fastnesses of Infidelity. And Bishop Watson, in his late excellent and useful publication, 'thinks it better, in arguing with Paine, to admit that there may be (not granting, however, that there is) an irreconcilable difference between the accounts respecting the life of Christ or his Resurrection;' and then asks, 'Does this difference, admitting it to be real, destroy

is veiled," says Mr. Gough, in an extremely elaborate review of this work in *Gent. Mag.* lxi. p. 865-872.—In 1799 Dr. Hales republished in Ireland "The Pursuits of Literature," "with Translations by Octavius." This publication is also very fully noticed by Mr. Gough in *Gent. Mag.* lxi. 1135-1144.—"Analysis Fluxionum." 1800. The primary object was to vindicate Newton, to shew his grateful acknowledgments to preceding philosophers, and to defend him from materialism against Professor Robinson. Dr. Hales relates the effect of electrical fluid on himself in 1789 in a violent fever. (See *Gent. Mag.* 1800, p. 346.)—"Methodism Inspected; with an Appendix on the Evidences of a State of Salvation. Part I." 1805. Part II, including Remarks on a Pamphlet entitled, "The Prospects of Methodism Inspected, and the Christian Observer observed; by Joseph Benson." 1805. (See *Gent. Mag.* lxxv. 150, lxxvi. 152.)—"Prospectus of an Analysis of Ancient Chronology." 1807. (*British Critic*, xxxix. 349.)—"Dissertations on the principal Prophecies respecting the Divine and Human Character of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1808. (*Brit. Crit.* xxvii. 55.)—"Prospectus of A New Analysis of Ancient Chronology; in which an attempt is made to explain the History and Antiquities of the Nations recorded in Scripture: together with the Prophecies relating to them, on principles tending to remove the imperfections and discordance of preceding Systems of Chronology." 1808. (*Gent. Mag.* lxxviii. 239.)—"Jurisdiction of the Lords, by Hargrave." (*Brit. Crit.* x. 354.)—In *Gent. Mag.* 1819, i. 389, is a controversy on the genuineness of a Hebrew Medal between Dr. Hales and Mr. R. Sainthill of Cork; and Dr. Hales's Scripture Chronology is noticed by Mr. A. Highmore in the same volume, p. 420.

the credibility of the gospel history in any of its essential branches?" He thinks not, but the illiterate and uninformed, like Paine and his class of readers, may think otherwise, and even the well-informed may think (whether they will confess it or not) that it may weaken the credibility of a most essential branch; notwithstanding the saving clause of distinction between admitting and granting. For my own part, having laid it down as a rule to see with mine own eyes as far as I can, I instituted the strictest scrutiny I was capable of, into that curious and momentous subject, 'the anchor sure and stedfast' of all our hopes beyond the grave, and it ended in a settled conviction of its credibility throughout, and in the minutest particulars. And I hope, please God, to make its evidence plain and satisfactory even to a common understanding, even to that of my correspondent, who knows nothing of literature, and is a mere English reader.

"When she returns my first letter (the purport of which is to reconcile the seeming dissonance between Mark's and John's account of the women's arrival at the sepulchre), I will forward it directly, through my friend Sack Hamilton, to Messrs. Cadell and Davies, as a specimen of the work, and, if that meets their approbation, will send them the rest in succession.

"WILLIAM HALES."

Rev. Dr. HALES to Messrs. CADELL and DAVIES.

"SIRS,

Killesandra, Dec. 2, 1796.

"My friend the Bishop of Dromore having informed me by letter when in London last March, that he had consulted you relative to an intended publication of mine, of which he had made you an offer as the most eminent and liberal of your profession; and that your terms were, 'Provided the manuscript copy were sent over to be inspected by you and your friends, and approved of, that you would undertake to print the book at your own expense, and defray all the expenses of press, paper, &c. out of the first receipts after publication; afterwards to divide equally with me whatever overplus of profit shall remain upon your balance,' I request to know, as soon as you can favour me with an answer, whether you choose to abide by these terms.

"On the receipt of your answer, should it be in the

affirmative, I will send you immediately over as a specimen the first of a series of 'Biblical Essays,' which have cost me much studious research. It is an 'Essay on the Primæval Language and Epoch of the Confusion of Tongues.' If this meets your approbation and that of the public, it shall be followed by, II. 'On the Chief Ancient Versions of the Bible;' III. 'On the Primitive Names of the Deity, and their Derivatives;' IV. 'On the Scriptural Characters of God and Jesus Christ;' which, if printed together, would make a moderate octavo volume, preparatory to a second, 'On the Chronological Prophecies relative to the Messiah's coming,' and 'On the Evidences of our Lord's Resurrection,' of which I have prepared the materials. I am, gentlemen, your most obedient servant,

" WILLIAM HALES."

Messrs. CADELL and DAVIES to Dr. HALES.

" REV. SIR,

Dec. 14, 1796.

" We are favoured with your letter, and, in answer thereto, beg leave to inform you that we are ready to abide by the terms proposed some time ago by the Bishop of Dromore, and then accepted by us; and therefore request you will be pleased to transmit us the manuscript, or such portion of it as you think proper, at your earliest convenience, when we will take the first opportunity of writing more fully on the business. We take it for granted you intend that the four Essays forming the first volume be published at once. We are, respectfully, Rev. Sir, your very obedient servants,

C. and D."

1797.

Bp. PERCY to the Editor of the GENTLEMAN'S
MAGAZINE.

" MR. URBAN,

Dublin, March 15, 1797.

" As in the course of the next month the return of many of our migratory birds may be expected, allow me to recall the attention of your readers to this interesting subject, desiring they will carefully observe whether any Swallows appear without the long feathers which form their forked tails; for, as it has been ascertained that the

last broods, at least, in every summer leave us before they have attained this distinction, if any appear in spring without them, such may be supposed to have passed the winter in a torpid state.

“Let me now communicate a very extraordinary phenomenon concerning another race of birds of passage, the Cuckoos, which occurred last summer in the north of Ireland. The following particulars may be depended on. In a gentleman’s garden in the county of Down (lat. 5° 23’ N.) appeared for several days (viz. from the 18th to the 22d of July, 1796) a great number of Cuckoos, judged to be between forty and fifty at least. They usually sat upon the bushes, picking, as the gardener thought, the ripe gooseberries (but more probably the caterpillars and insects* on those shrubs). They seemed to be quite sleepy and dozing, so as to permit any person almost to touch them, though I do not find that any one actually suffered itself to be caught. There was in the garden a nest of young Black-birds, scarcely fledged; of these the Cuckoos destroyed all but two; and they were seen to tear them to pieces, as was judged, to devour them; for the gardener rescued one of these from their talons, which had his leg and wing torn off. Some few of them, perhaps not more than two or three, cried the note Cuckoo, as in spring, but in a very faint and hoarse manner. Nor were more than two ever heard at the same time. This garden, which contains two acres of Irish plantation measure (that is, more than three English statute acres), was frequented by many of these birds during the whole day; but the greatest number collected in the evening, about the time the gardeners were quitting their work. After the 22d of July remained only one or two, which appeared to be smaller than the rest; and these continued there two or three days after all the others were gone. The lesser birds were observed to fly about them, and after them, as in the spring. The preceding account comes from a person of undoubted veracity.

“Let me now offer a solution of the difficulty respecting the *fall of stones from the clouds*, which I have heard sug-

* “Like other birds that feed chiefly on insects, the Cuckoo is in Italy eaten as a great delicacy. A gentleman, who has had this bird on his table, informed the writer that the flesh is white, and very well tasted. Having no incubation, &c. to perform, it is never out of season during the spring months; and, from the abundance of its food, is extremely fat.”

gested by a naturalist of great eminence in this country. It hath been ascertained that the electrical fluid is sometimes discharged from the earth into the clouds;* or, in other words, that lightning ascends as well as descends. With what irresistible power it forces its way it is needless to describe. If we suppose the ascending column of electrical fluid to have burst through a rock above or near the surface, it will not be difficult to conceive that it may tear off and hurl through the air, at the distance of a few miles, a fragment as large, or larger, than that which was brought last year from Yorkshire, and shewn in Piccadilly, or any others on record; since we well know that a cannon or mortar will, by the projectile force of a little gunpowder, send an iron ball of large magnitude two or three miles.† It is needless to remark how much the strata of the earth vary at short distances; it will not, therefore, be wondered, if such a fragment, falling from the air, should differ in all its component parts from any of the strata where it alights; and it might even come from such a distance (though not many miles), that the burst of thunder at the place of its discharge might not be distinctly heard by those who saw it fall, and who might not be able or disposed to enquire after the distant rock from which it was dissevered.

T. PERCY."

The Rev. JOHN PRICE† to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Bodleian Library, 6th Dec. 1797.

"I have the favour of your Lordship's letter of the 28th of last month, but deferred acknowledging it a few days, expecting the book Mr. Nichols was to send me, which I have not yet received. As I find there is a safe though common carrier, going from hence for Northampton tomorrow, I shall avail myself of that convenience, and send your Lordship the imperfect copy of the Earl of Surrey's Poems, which I communicated to Dr. Percy when in Oxford. I beg it may be returned to me when done with.

* "See, in the Philosophical Transactions, the curious memoir of Lord Stanhope, to account for the electrical shock which killed some horses and their driver in Scotland a few years since, described by Mr. Brydone."

† This theory of Bishop Percy's may be refuted by the mere observation that the Meteoric Stones consist of an admixture of metals, iron and nickel, not found on the earth. Their planetary nature seems now admitted.—J. M.

‡ For Memoirs of the Rev. J. Price, see Literary Anecdotes, VII. 334, 656; and Portrait of him, with numerous letters by and addressed to him, in Literary Illustrations, vol. V. 514—561.

I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect and esteem, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,
J. PRICE."

"There is a copy of Howarde's Sonnets, &c. in the Library, with the following title-page; viz. '1565. *Songs and Sonnettes*, written by the Right Honourable Lord Henry Howarde, late Earle of Surrey, and others. Apud Richardum Tottell. Cum Privilegio.' On a blank leaf in the beginning, in the hand-writing of W. Fulman the antiquarian, 'from fol. 1 to the end of fol. 18, seemes to be written by the Earle of Surrey. His name being there added.' 'From thence to fol. 49, end, seems to be Sir Thomas Wiate the elder's, who dyed of the plague at Shirburne 1541, his name being likewise there added; and the next folio beginning with the title of 'Uncertaine Authors.' 'But some perhaps may be intermixed. For Drayton judging that Epigramme, f. 44, b. beginning *Tagus farewell*, to be written by the Earle of Surrey (which is not likely, it not appearing that he was ever in Spaine) or Sir Francis Brian, seems to—' Thus Mr. Fulman ends abruptly. In some blank leaves at the end, he gives some account of the Earl of Surrey from Camden's Remains. I cannot find any account of the above edition of the Poems, &c. in Herbert's 'Typographical Antiquities,' or any where else.

"In Herbert's 'Typographical Antiquities,' p. 1094, under the name of John Charlewood, printer, and under the article Wharton's Dreame, we find Will. Vallans mentioned as the author of Commendatory Verses prefixed to that work.

"P. 1193, under the name of Roger Ward, printer, art. 'A Tale of Two Swanns. Wherein is comprehended the original and increase of the river Lee, commonly called Ware river; together with the antiquitie of sundrie places and townes seated upon the same. Pleasant to be read, and not unprofitable to be understood; by W. Vallans.' This tale is related in a poem of 266 verses: in which, writing of Waltham Cross, the author styles it 'the stately crosse of Elnor, Henrie's wife,' instead of Edward's. To the tale is annexed 'A commentarie or exposition of certain proper names used in this tale.' Wherein mention is made of a paper-mill at Hartford, of which see p. 200. In 12 leaves. 'For John Sheldrake.' 4to. 1590. Reprinted in 'Leland's Itinerary,' vol. 5.

LORD SURREY'S POEMS.

"In the 3d line of the first poem, the edition of 1565 has it 'trees *dispoyled* clene;' that of 1587 has it '*displayed* clene;' and the MS. emendation in the margin reads 'dispoiled.'

"In the 9th line of the 6th poem, the edition of 1565 has it 'cowred love,' &c.; that of 1587 has it 'covered,' &c.

"The MS. exposition is 'smothered or scorned.' None of these *written* emendations, &c. appear to be in the handwriting of Selden; they rather resemble that of Ascham. Mr. Price thinks that there is somewhere in the Bodleian another corrected copy, for which he will search."

1798.

W. SOTHEYBY, Esq.* to Bishop PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD, Loughton Lodge, Essex, 28 Sept. 1798.

"Believe me, neither indolence, much less inattention, has been the cause of my long silence; but I could not reconcile it to my feelings to torment you with trifles, while every momentous interest was at stake from the turbulence which, by the French invasion, so unexpectedly deranged that tranquil state of Irish affairs so delightfully described in your letter from Dromore. Now that the 'hostile foot which bruised your flow'rets' has been repressed, by the gallantry of your own patriotic defenders, I may, I trust, congratulate you on the very event which so eminently forced it into action. Your Government will now know on whom it may with confidence rely, and feigned submissions from rebels, watching opportunities for exertion, will no longer impose on them.

"If the public papers may be trusted, both the French invaders and their abettors have parted completely disgusted with their short acquaintance. The yoke of discipline ill-suited the stubborn neck of the Irish rebel; and, *oh infandum!* the ferocity of the Irish, like the glare of the sun that extinguishes a fire, made even the merciless bosom of a *sans culotte* to feel the 'compunctious visitings of nature.'

* William Sotheby, Esq. F.R.S. F.S.A. the poet, died Dec. 30, 1833, aged 76. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* for May 1834, p. 559.

"I dare not ask your opinion of 'Oberon.'* The thunder of the trumpet, and the clash of arms, must have silenced the voice of the Muses. Would that I were possessed of the fairy horn which the Wood-God gave to Huon, that I might gently breathe enchanting melodies over a perturbed world, and convert military manœuvres to a bloodless dance. As for the Executive Directory, my furious blast should blow them into the chaotic elements, alone congenial to their demoniac imagination.

"In a little excursion I made from my beloved forest retreat, I turned aside from my route purposely to pass a day with your disjoined treasures at Tunbridge Wells; and I do assure you, that, if their health and happiness can sooth your solitude, you will not want the best sources of consolation. Mrs. Percy is uncommonly well, the fair Elizabeth † trips over the Pantiles with light foot and ruddy cheek, and my sister and her boy are as well as you could wish them. The noble Colonel ‡ I unfortunately saw not; he had just taken a flight to his barracks. I flatter myself, my Lord, we shall enjoy the pleasure of your society in our capital during the winter.

"Of the republic of letters (the only reasonable republic) I have nothing interesting to communicate. War and politics absorb every faculty. I am pleased with the situation in which I have placed my eldest son; his steadiness and manliness are extraordinary at his vernal tide. Of my second son, now in Nelson's victorious fleet, we, with anxious heart, expect every moment intelligence. All the Isteds are well. I need scarce add, that Mrs. Sotheby unites with me in every kind remembrance. You may be sure that whenever you feel disposed, at a gay or grave moment, to bestow a line on me, that it will be most gratefully acknowledged.

"I remain, my Lord, your Lordship's very faithfully,
sincerely, &c. WM. SOTHEYB."

Bishop PORTEUS to Bishop PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD,

Fulham, Dec. 5, 1798.

"I should certainly have paid all possible attention to your recommendation had your letter arrived before the place was given away; but it has been filled up some

* "Oberon, or Huon de Bourdeaux, a masque."

† Miss Percy, afterwards Hon. Mrs. Meade.

‡ Colonel Isted.

time. The character of your young friend* seems very unexceptionable; but to his other qualifications he must add that of singing well and understanding music, as those things are necessary for the King's Chapel, and, indeed, a good deal depends on that circumstance.

"I very sincerely congratulate you on the cessation of your late horrors, and the return of tranquillity, order, and security. I pray God that you may very long enjoy these and every other worldly blessing; and am, my dear Lord, your very sincere and faithful servant,
"B. LONDON."

1800.

Mrs. WEST † to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Little Bowden, May 19, 1800.

"I certainly cannot omit the earliest opportunity of returning you my best thanks for your obliging remembrance of me. I shall no doubt derive much pleasure from perusing the 'Chinese Miscellanies.'

"Permit me to return you my grateful acknowledgments for your attention to my son, as well as myself. He is a serious lad; and he will, I trust, pay strict attention to your Lordship's exposition of a volume, which, though in itself sufficiently explicit to conduct the sincere but unlettered Christian into the path of truth, yet contains many difficulties, which require the elucidating assistance of those able guides who have applied human knowledge to its best purpose—that of vindicating and illustrating the sacred volume.

"Should the trifles which you honoured by your acceptance appear to rise so far above mediocrity as to be worthy of a critique, I should feel infinitely obliged if you would at your leisure point out those faults which a scholar's eye must have discovered. Your Lordship will believe me when I say that I should be extremely happy to correct them in a second edition: but I have not the most distant hope that such an opportunity will offer itself. The general reply to my inquiries respecting the sale is, 'The age has no relish for poetry.' The praise which a few respectable names have bestowed upon my 'Ode on

* Rev. John Daniel Haslewood, M.A. son of Thomas Haslewood, esq. of Bridgenorth. He was a private friend and frequent correspondent of Bishop Percy, and was one of his chaplains. He is now vicar of Boughton Monchelsea, in Kent.

† See *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. p. 88.

Poetry 'is but a cheque on the bank of Apollo, a firm too notorious for its insolvency to possess the least credit in the common affairs of life.

"Will you, my Lord, admit ingenuousness to be some excuse for vanity? I have often thought that my retired situation, and few connexions, have presented insuperable bars to the celebrity of my writings. I know enough of the great world to know, that whatever attention it can spare from interest, it devotes to pleasure. Too much engaged to reflect, or to discriminate, the author who is most loudly recommended will be most read.

"When I compare the success of even my two most fortunate works, the 'Gossip's Story' and the 'Tale of the Times,' with similar publications, I feel (pardon my pride) convinced that it is not owing to the inferiority of my productions that I am forced to acknowledge a more limited circulation.

"Your Lordship will anticipate the request which your goodness has emboldened me to make. It is that, if you esteem my publications worthy the honour of your approbation, you will bestow on them that reputation which your recommendation must confer. Though a sentiment inherent in my character will ever preserve me from any degrading meanness, yet a just sense of the wants and claims of a rising family inspires me with an anxious wish to procure those emoluments which have sometimes resulted from literary efforts.

"Disappointed in various pursuits, and only half successful in others, my pen has remained for some time unemployed. Within this last month I have endeavoured to conquer my chagrin, and have begun a work entitled, 'Letters to a Young Man on his entrance into the world, intended for the middle ranks of life, and for members of the Church of England.' Your Lordship will guess the design by the title, and will be able to inform me whether it has been anticipated.

"The kindness with which you enquired after my pursuits and circumstances, during the short time I had the pleasure of seeing you, exposes you to the persecution of this long, dull detail.

"Your Lordship's most obliged, humble servant,

"JANE WEST."

Bishop PERCY to Mrs. WEST.

MY DEAR MADAM,

Brighton, June 7, 1800.

"I cannot any longer defer my acknowledgment of the very great pleasure your obliging letter gave me; although your Poems, on which you desired my remarks, are not just now before me, having been carried by my daughter to Col. Isted's quarters, in Bletchington Barracks; but I can truly say they afforded me an entertainment of a very superior kind indeed. Your 'Odes on Poetry' are of the first-rate excellence; nor could I read them without emotions which I have seldom experienced. They are sublime, animated, rich in imagery, and, what I could scarce have expected from a lady's pen, learned.

"As for your excellent moral fictions, I have been reading them with no common interest. They have the entire possession of this first of watering-places. Here are three circulating libraries, and the demand for your novels is very great in them all. In the shop where I have been waiting for my turn in your 'Tale of the Times,' I was told there were three sets; nor was it till last night that I could procure the first volume of one of them, although the season is here scarce begun, and only a small part of the company yet arrived. I have recommended your Poems to be added to their Catalogue, and shall speak of them as they deserve wherever I go; nor shall I rest when I return home, till I possess myself of all your works.

"Your intended 'Letters to a Young Man on his Entrance into Life,' &c. will I doubt not have a very superior claim to attention, and be a favourite present for parents and guardians; but, as example interests more than precept, I should scarce expect your monitory letters will have so extensive a circulation as your instructive narratives.

"The small volume which I ordered for your son, and which, I hope, he has received, by no means claims to be considered in any degree 'an exposition' on the New Testament (as you entitle it), but only a short introduction for young students at the Universities, and indeed for the youth of both sexes.

"My compliments to Mr. West, as Mrs. Percy requests you will accept hers; and that you will esteem me, my dear Madam, your faithful and obedient servant,

"THO. DROMORE.

"P.S. Mrs. Percy, who is much concerned for the honour of Desborough, begs me to inquire, if you are not a native of her favourite village; or was London the place of your birth? Pray inform me, to prevent contention hereafter on this interesting subject."

Mrs. WEST to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Little Bowden, June 28, 1800.

"I will not attempt to disguise the pleasure which I received from your Lordship's very obliging letter, or affect to deny that it has very considerably added to my natural stock of vanity; for I am 'so ill at concealment,' that you would instantly detect my real sentiments, by the awkwardness of my disqualifying expressions. Let me rather therefore sincerely thank you for the honour of your good opinion, and for making that good opinion public: to the latter circumstance, I sanguinely attach a very considerable degree of efficacy.

"You will not wonder that my 'Ode to Poetry' is somewhat tinctured with learning, when I inform you that it derived considerable advantage from the corrections of a gentleman with whom I believe you are acquainted. To mention the name of Mr. Christopher Smyth, of Northampton, will be to recall to your mind the pleasing ideas of an elegant scholar, and an estimable man. I may in many instances ascribe considerable improvement to his correcting friendship, and particularly in the poem above mentioned. In the first part he not only pointed out my errors, but suggested many valuable ideas; but I believe the construction of every line was strictly my own. Being unacquainted with many of the authors I celebrated, and knowing the few I was acquainted with only through the mist of a translation, I would not have dared to have published what may be esteemed a critique on them, without having it sanctioned by the sentiments of one who was master of the subject, and could decide on their excellences.

"My son Tom desires me to return his best thanks for the little valuable tract which you ordered for him. I have read it, but it would be superfluous for me to add my feeble commendation to a work which is I know held in high repute. The very little leisure which my domestic avocations allow me, has lately been made less by visits

from several of my relations, and I do exceedingly regret that I have not yet been able to gratify myself by the perusal of 'Reliques of Ancient Poetry.' I have met with many of the poems, but your Lordship's Preface will be new to me, and I promise myself much improvement from it. We expect our boy soon from London, to spend a fortnight with us, and I please myself with the hope of reading it with him.

"The same misfortune (want of leisure) which has prevented me from indulging in the retrospect of our old minstrels, has retarded the progress of the work which I announced to your Lordship. My season for study and composition (if I may use those terms without being thought to pasquinade them) is winter. I am engaged in the duties of active life, and to those duties my pleasures ever have been subservient. You noticed my pile of stockings; they were not affectedly introduced. My needle always claims the pre-eminence of my pen. I hate the name of 'rhyming slattern.'

"I am very much obliged to Mrs. Percy for her remembrance of me, and for being interested in my history. Though of a very peaceable temper, I am not apprehensive for the issue of your contentions, but not knowing how this subject may be agitated by the learned world ages hence, it will not be amiss to prepare a faithful document, which may be referred to. Be it known then to all posterity, that I was born in London, in what is now St. Paul's Coffee House, on the 30th of April, 1758, about eight o'clock in the evening: the star of Poetry doubtless presided: at least I am sure that another star, which is generally esteemed synonymous, has hitherto been 'lord of my ascendant.' Desborough has however the honour of being the mother of my Muse; for my father removed there when I was about eleven years old, and I soon after began to make acrostics. Self-instructed, the history of my early attempts would divert you. I be-rhymed the seven first chapters of the Acts at 13; I read Martin's Philosophy soon after, and composed an astro-nomic poem. Pope's Homer inspired me with the epic strain at 16; and I sung (or rather howled) the glories of Caractacus. The catalogue of my compositions previous to my attaining 20 would be formidable. Thousands of lines flowed in very easy measure; I scorned correction, and never blotted.

"Like most of my friends, I perceive your Lordship thinks that I had better adhere to my fictitious narratives: but I feel that in writing the 'Tale of the Times,' I exerted all my strength. It was the result of much forethought, of much investigation. Several circumstances have since happened which have depressed my powers; and it is not easy to begin a work with a presentiment that it will fail. Should I ever feel my imagination in a more promising state, I will certainly recollect the opinions of those upon whose judgments I so justly depend.

"I have read the Chinese Tale with all the attention which an authentic portrait of the manners of a very singular people must excite. It highly pleased me, being (to me at least) a truly original performance, and, as you justly observe, strictly moral. I wish the disturbers of these times would check their impetuosity, by a little attention to Chinese polity.

"An opportunity offering of sending a parcel to Tom West, I have inclosed this letter, as it gave me an opportunity of troubling you with a larger portion of gossip than I could by the post. I fear you will have cause to lament that such a conveyance should offer; but some subjects still remain to be discussed. My first novel of 'Maria Williams' was a trial of my strength, and published in disguise. I have been very ill used by the man to whom I sold it, Lane. The errors of the press absolutely disguise the work. Whatever blunders fell from my pen, I am certain the literary friend who revised my manuscript suffered none to remain. No second edition has been published, nor I fear ever will; indeed if there should, I should receive little benefit.

"I remain, my Lord, with respectful compliments to Mrs. Percy, your Lordship's most obliged, and obedient servant,

JANE WEST.

"P.S. I forgot to mention, that, in compliance with the advice of a friend, I have lately been a frequent contributor to the Gentleman's Magazine; in which some compliments addressed to me have appeared, but indeed I did not write them, nor do I know who did."

Bp. PERCY to SAMUEL ISTD,* Esq.

“DEAR SIR, Somerset Street, Monday Morning, July 28, 1800.

“Should you see my Lord Spencer, his Lordship will be glad to hear, what I am assured by Lord Egremont, that the German Dr. Zach did not carry away any of the Petworth Papers relating to Harriot’s Discoveries in Astronomy, and that they are now all at Petworth, except such as are in the hands of the Astronomical Professor at Oxford (so I understand his Lordship).

“Most affectionately yours, THOS. DROMORE.”

Bp. PERCY to the EARL of EGREMONT.†

“MY LORD, Somerset Street, July 29, 1800.

“I hope this will be delivered to your Lordship before your departure for the North, or will be preserved safe until your return. I could not prevail on myself to part with the manuscript and papers till I had examined them with more care than at first was in my power, on account of indifferent health and the pressure of business. Now I could wish to obtain a duplicate of Dr. Zach’s Memoir, or could learn if it has appeared in any collection in this its English dress, which I would gladly purchase at any price.

“At all times I should be happy, by any services, to testify the respect with which I have the honour to be, my Lord, your Lordship’s most obedient servant,

“THO. DROMORE.

“P. S. On the slightest intimation to Mr. Isted, my nephew would attend to examine your Lordship’s MSS. and papers at any time most convenient.

Memoranda by Bp. Percy.

“Translation of a Paper given by Dr. Zach, Astronomer to his Highness the reigning Duke of Saxe-Gotha, Member of the Imperial Academy of Sciences at Brussels, of the Royal Academies of Sciences in Lyons, Dijon, and Marseilles. Printed in the Astronomical Ephemeris of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Berlin, published for the year 1784.

“Account of the curious MSS. which I found in the year 1784 at Petworth, in Sussex, &c.

* Son-in-law of Bp. Percy.

† See p. 210.

"Harriot had got from Holland telescopes with magnifying powers of ten, twenty, and thirty times.

"He observed spots in the sun, and observations he has entered in his papers, which run from December 8, 1610, till January 18, 1613 (as early as those of Galileo).

"Of Jupiter's Satellites, the first observations of Harriot are of January 16, 1610, and they go on till February 26, 1610. Galilei pretends to have discovered them January 7, 1610.

"Harriot has remarkable observations of the Moon, of Mars, and the Comets of 1607 and 1618."

CHARLES BUTLER,* Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Lincoln's Inn, 28 July, 1800.

"I have the honour to send your Lordship the critique of the Monthly Review on Baruel's book.† That critique has always appeared to me a most extraordinary performance. The author of it, in my opinion, knows much more of Illuminism than Baruel. He is supposed to be a Doctor Willich, who now practises physic in London.‡

"With it I take the liberty to send you a little book, which, in consequence of an engagement I made with a bookseller above twenty years ago, I found myself obliged to write about a twelvemonth since. With the greatest respect, I have the honour to be,

"Your Lordship's most obliged and humble servant,

"CHARLES BUTLER."

Bishop PERCY to C. BUTLER, Esq.

"SIR,

Somerset Street, 4 Aug. 1800.

"I should not so long have delayed my thanks for the obliging present of your Uncle's § Life (which does equal honour to the exemplary character who is the subject and

* The eminent conveyancer and very voluminous author. He died June 2, 1832, aged 82. See an account of him and his works in *Gent. Mag.* vol. CII. II. pp. 269, 661; and Dr. Dibdin's character of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1836, vol. VI. p. 130.

† See *Monthly Review*, 1798, vol. XXVII. p. 509.

‡ Dr. A. F. M. Willich, author of "Lectures on Diet and Regimen," and of a translation of Dr. Struve's Treatise on the Education of Children. He also published Kant's "Elements of Antient Philosophy, 1798," 8vo. This eminent German physician died at Charkof, in Russia, in 1804, shortly after his arrival. He had been appointed professor of physic there. His widow died, in Marylebone, May 1, 1817.

§ Rev. Alban Butler, author of "The Lives of the Saints."

to the pen of his affectionate and judicious nephew), but I wished to send something more than mere thanks, though at last I have nothing better to offer than four juvenile performances, each of them first published thirty-five years ago (in 1765). My nephew's edition of the 'Reliques,' however, has one claim to your attention, as in the Dissertation on the Origin of Gothic Romance, in vol. III. the opinion of Bishop Warburton is discussed, who would derive this species of fabling from the Moors in Spain, which tended to overthrow all claim to a native northern original of the Scaldic mythology, of the Edda, &c. &c.; and, therefore, I think its confutation in these volumes conduces to your great object; on which account I hope you will receive with the more indulgence this slight tribute of the respect of, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

THO. DROMORE.

"P. S. I return the volume of Monthly Review, and am much obliged to you for pointing out to me the very singular article contained in it. I am soon leaving town, and wish you a pleasant summer. About October I hope to be at Dromore; and then if I can find anything that will fall in with your proposed plan, &c. I will forward it to you. In the interim, I shall be glad to receive your commands at Ecton, near Northampton."

REV. SAMUEL HENLEY* to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

21, Howland Street, 8 August 1800.

"I am much mortified that I have been prevented by unavoidable business from waiting upon your Lordship, and communicating in person what I now transmit by letter. This, however, I trust will be in time.

"The passages I referred to, in which Mr. Steevens, from pique to me, altered the last edition of his Shakespeare, are, (Tempest, Act 4, Sc. 1) :—

" 'The *peonied* and *lillied* brims,'

for *pioned* and *twilled*.

"Two Gentlemen of Verona: the omission of an *o*, necessary to the sense;

" 'But once or twice was

Written down?'

* Dr. Samuel Henley. See some account of him and his publications in Literary Anecdotes, vol. VIII. p. 15; also notices of him, vol. VII. p. 590. He died Dec. 29, 1815; see Memoir of him in Gent. Mag. vol. LXXXVI. 1. pp. 88, 182. His valuable Correspondence is in the possession of Dawson Turner, esq. F.R.S. of Yarmouth.

"Macbeth, Act 3, Sc. 4:—'if trembling I *inhabit*,' changed again to the nonsense '*inhibit*.'

"There are other things, had I his edition by me, which I could point out, but the only one in general besides that I remember is the putting poor Amner's * name to his own obscene notes.

"Your Lordship will allow me to offer my best wishes for a pleasant voyage to Ireland, and hopes of seeing you in perfect health and spirits at your return.

"I have the honour to be, my Lord, your ever obliged and obedient,
S. HENLEY."

Dr. DUIGENAN† to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Aug. 9, 1800.

"I find myself under the highest obligations to your Lordship for the very flattering account you were pleased to give of me and my endeavours to serve the Church and State in this kingdom, to our new Primate: it is certainly of consequence to me to stand well with his Grace in my situation; and the weight of the recommendation of a Prelate so distinguished for taste and discernment as your Lordship, must be very great; yet give me leave to assure your Lordship that I feel more gratified at finding that I have a place in your Lordship's esteem, than in the prospect of any advantage I may derive from being acceptable to his Grace.

"I request that your Lordship will present my humblest respects to Mrs. Percy; and believe me to be, with great gratitude, your Lordship's most faithful and most obedient humble servant,
PATRICK DUIGENAN."

Sir FREDERICK MORTON EDEN,‡ Bart. to Bp. PERCY.

"Lincoln's Inn Fields, Aug. 20, 1806.

"Mr. Robert Jamieson (a native of Scotland, now an assistant in a school at Macclesfield), a gentleman who is

* Rev. Richard Amner was a highly respectable Dissenting Minister at Hampstead, whose name G. Steevens affixed to his indecent notes on Shakspeare. His different publications bear ample testimony to his great learning, particularly on subjects of theology and biblical criticism. Mr. Amner died at Hinckley, his native place, in June 1803. See a memoir of him in Nichols's Leicestershire, IV. 747.

† Right Hon. Patrick Duigenan, LL.D. died April 11, 1816, aged 81. See an account of him in Gent. Mag. LXXXVI. i. 371.

‡ Sir F. M. Eden died Nov. 14, 1809. See an account of him in Gent. Mag. LXXIX. p. 1178.

engaged in making a collection of ancient ballads, and is anxious to avail himself of the folio MS. of the Bishop of Dromore, has requested Sir Frederick Eden, who is well acquainted with Mr. Jamieson, to avail himself of the opportunity of his Lordship's stay in London to bear testimony of Mr. Jamieson's integrity.

"Sir Frederick undertakes this office with pleasure; and begs leave to assure his Lordship, that Mr. Jamieson is a young man of great modesty and honour; in every respect of pure principles; and, from his classical knowledge and acquaintance with Northern languages, very competent to become a humble gleaner in that field of literature which his Lordship's labours have deservedly rendered a favourite with the public.

"Right Rev. the Bishop of Dromore."

Bishop PERCY to SIR F. M. EDEN, Bart.

"Ecton, Aug. 27, 1800.

"The Bishop of Dromore presents his compliments to Sir Frederick Eden, and begs he will believe that it would have given him great pleasure to comply with a request so liberal as his, and to gratify so deserving a person as he represents Mr. Jamieson to be; and this the more readily as he has long since grown indifferent to the amusements (perhaps he ought to say follies) of his youth; but the MS. alluded to is at present engaged, for the booksellers are soliciting a fourth volume, to be prepared by the Editor of the last edition of the three former volumes, published in 1794, and, till that is completed, it cannot be spared.

"The Bishop begs to be indulged with some account of Mr. Jamieson and his object."

SIR F. M. EDEN, Bart. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Worthing, Sussex, Sept. 3, 1800.

"Having been absent some days from London, I have unavoidably been prevented from returning an earlier answer to your Lordship's obliging letter respecting Mr. Jamieson's application for the use of your folio MS. I believe the principal object Mr. J. had in view, in requesting it, was to compare some unpublished Ballads in it with the copies he had procured; and to notice the variations, if of importance, between the different copies.

"Mr. Jamieson's work, I believe, will consist of Scottish poetry (of which he has been fortunate enough to collect several unpublished pieces, not only of antiquity, but of merit); of Border songs (many are still extant which have not appeared in print); and of some poetical Essays of his own. A specimen or two, in the Scottish Ballad style, which he sent me (and which, were I in town, I could with pleasure forward to your Lordship), had merit. Mr. J. also means to comprise in his collection several Gaelic songs, and translations of them in verse by himself.

"I will take an early opportunity of writing to Mr. J. (who is not, as your Lordship surmises, in orders); and transmit to you an accurate statement, if I should have misconceived the object of his work. I think, in addition to his plan, he might with great propriety insert in his work some of the best ballads and ancient songs from the old Printed Collections, such as the "Drolleries," &c. which are now become almost as scarce as MSS.

"I am very happy to hear the world may expect a fourth volume of Reliques of English Poetry. I have not that work with me, but I believe your Lordship has published the 'Nut-brown Maid,' from Arnold's Chronicle, in it. I had last year two different copies of this book (one I have parted with to a friend), and, if my memory is correct, there were some variations between the two editions in this beautiful ancient poem. I am not quite certain that there are not *three* old editions of Arnold's Chronicle. If there should be, and there should be any material difference in the readings that you might be desirous of noticing in the fourth volume, I would with pleasure transmit them to your Lordship.

"I have the honour to be, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient servant,

"F. M. EDEN.

"The Bishop of Dromore."

Mr. ROBERT JAMIESON* to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, Macclesfield School, Cheshire, Nov. 11, 1800.

"I ought long since to have acknowledged my obligations for your Lordship's very polite and friendly note of the 22d of September, and for the valuable communications that accompanied it; but I have during the last two

* Robert Jamieson, M.A., F.S.A. See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 90.

months been taken up with cares and occupations of a very different nature; and, as I wished to find leisure to transcribe a few things with which I thought your Lordship might possibly be amused, I delayed writing till now. I likewise waited for a letter from Mr. Scott of Edinburgh, to whom I had applied for a list of his 'Border Ballads' (of which his curious and valuable collection chiefly consists), to be transmitted for your satisfaction; but he informs me that has been already done by himself.

" 'Childe Maurice' is really a curiosity, and I shall give it *literatim* as it stands in the MS. I intend likewise to give so much of the ballad that has been published as is still to be met with in Scotland, preserved by oral tradition. The popular ditty is about half as long as the printed one, and begins—

' Gil Morrice sat in Silver Wood ;
He whistled and he sang :
Whare will I get a bonny boy
My errand for to gang ?'

And concludes like the tragedy of Douglas, in the first copies of which the names of Gil Morrice and Lord Barnard were retained, although the author now wishes it to be believed that he never thought of such a thing. No reflection is here meant to be thrown upon the character of Mr. Home. His weakness is the weakness of age, and calls for compassion rather than reprehension. The concluding stanza of the old ballad is—

' And she has ta'en the bloody head,
And cast it i' the brim ;
Syne gather'd up her robes o' green,
And fast she follow'd him.'

" Among Mrs. Brown's Ballads, of which no account has been sent to your Lordship, are, 'Hugh of Lincoln,' beginning

' Four and twenty bonny boys
Were playing at the ba' ;'

' Sweet Willie and May Margaret,' beginning

' Gie corn to my horse, mither,
Gie meat unto my man,' &c.

This a fine tragic ditty, but wants the last stanza, so that I must conclude it as well as I can.—'Bonny Baby Livingston,' beginning

' O bonny Baby Livingstone
Went forth to view the Hay ;'

which is a true story, and well told.—‘Lady Jane,’ beginning,

‘O wha will bake my bridal bread,
And brew my bridal ale?’—

‘Burd Ellen and Lord John,’ the story of which is the same with your ‘Child Waters’ (Reliques, vol. III. p. 54, 4th edit.) although the dress be quite different. I have endeavoured to change the character of this ballad, and make it more interesting, by adding the following lines:—

‘She heaved up her drooping head;—
Oh but her face was wan!
And the smile upon her wallow’d lip
Wad melted heart o’ stane:
O blessings on thy couth, Lord John!
Weils me to see this day;
For mickle ha’e I done and dree’d,
But weil does this repay!
And oh be to my bairnie kind,
As I ha’e loved thee!—
Back in his trembling arms she sank,
And cold death clos’d her e’e!’

After the above lines were written, I found the same turn given to the story, in an attempt to polish that piece, in Evans’s Collection. The word *couth*, which is now out of use, occurs in several of the traditionary ballads in my possession. It means an *enunciated sound*, and is Gaelic.—‘The Bonny Bridy,’ which bears some resemblance to ‘Little Musgrave and Lord Barnard,’ begins

‘There was a Knight on a summer’s night,
Was riding o’er the lea, *diddle*, &c.’

The music of this piece, and of several others, is very curious, and shall be given.—A complete copy of ‘Lamkin’ I shall have from Mrs. Brown.—‘Marian of Oxenfurde’ begins,

‘There dwelt a May in Oxenfurde,
Fair Marian was her name;’

but this piece cannot be printed. I have taken down several from the recitation of a lady in Angus-shire, among which are ‘Sweet William and fair Annie,’ a beautifully simple thing, being the same story with that in the Reliques, vol. III. p. 241.—A tragic ditty, beginning

‘O will ye go to the school, brother?
Or will ye go to the ba’?’—

‘The Mermaid of the Clyde,’ beginning,

‘I forbid ye, Clerk Colin,
By the charging of my life,’ &c.

I have many yet to receive from Edinburgh, some from Aberdeen, and some from my native province of Moray. Application has lately been made to Dr. Harrington of Bath in my behalf; but he returns for answer, that he is publishing a fourth volume of his 'Nugæ Antiquæ;' so that I fear he will have little if any thing to spare for me. It is my study to give every thing, so far as is practicable, in the exact state in which it comes to my hand, all deviations and interpolations being marked.

"I have visited the British Museum once, but rather reconnoitred my ground than did much. I intend, provided I meet with encouragement in my first two volumes, to visit Oxford, Cambridge, and London, and rummage the libraries there for my subsequent ones. I shall have many good things in a few weeks from the Advocates' Library at Edinburgh. Mr. Scott* has shown the most liberal disinterestedness in this business.

"I cannot say how much I hold myself indebted to your Lordship for your kind communications and offers. Be assured, my Lord, that it shall be my greatest pride to show, by the use I make of your favours, that I deserve them. My Collection is exactly of the same kind of things that have been admitted into the 'Reliques.' If your Lordship can oblige me with any information where any unexhausted treasures of that kind are to be found, and how they may be come at, it may be of infinite service to me.

"In the mean time I shall avail myself of your very polite condescension respecting the contents of the folio MS. I dare say there are many things in it which I cannot specify, but which would be valuable to me. Those which I am at present more solicitous to have are, the 'Fragments of Robin Hood and the Beggar,' and any other Sherwood ballads that may be found in it worth preserving; and the fragments of the 'Childe of Elle.' Every person that I have met with, fond of such things, has expressed a wish that you had done yourself the justice to publish the scraps of that beautiful ballad; and, if your Lordship will be pleased to put it in my power to gratify the public, it will be particularly grateful to me.

"Hoping your Lordship's health (which I was sorry to learn from Dr. Anderson had lately been not so good as usual) is now perfectly restored, I am, with much regard

* Afterwards Sir Walter.

and esteem, my Lord, your Lordship's much obliged and
very humble servant, ROBERT JAMIESON."

Bishop PERCY to Mr. ROBERT JAMIESON.

"SIR,

Dromore, Ireland, April 4, 1801.

"I trust you will excuse the delay of my compliance with your request, on account both of indisposition and the innumerable pressing demands for my time, which you will candidly allow to a situation like mine; but I cannot so easily excuse myself for so long deferring my acknowledgments for the curious specimens you so obligingly sent me both of the pieces you had collected and of those you had composed: and though my relish for entertainments of this kind is not so keen as it was forty years ago, when the 'Reliques' were printing, &c., yet your Collection will unavoidably revive to a certain degree a renewal of past pleasures. I believe, in the Preface to those volumes, you will find a reference to all the repositories with which I was then acquainted, and I have long since ceased to pursue the inquiry.

"Till my nephew has completed his collections for the intended fourth volume, it cannot be decided whether he may not wish to insert himself the fragments you desire: but I have copied for you here that one which you particularly pointed out, as I was unwilling to disappoint your wishes and expectations altogether. By it you will see the defective and incorrect state of the old text in the ancient folio MS. and the irresistible demand on the Editor of the 'Reliques' to attempt some of those conjectural emendations which have been blamed by one or two rigid critics, but without which the collection would not have deserved a moment's attention. When your book is published, I shall be one of the first purchasers, but till then I must beg to postpone the subject; and remain, with best wishes for your success, Sir, your obedient humble servant,

THO. DROMORE."

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Bishop PERCY to the Earl MACARTNEY.*

"MY LORD,

Aug. 1800.

"The favourable opinion your Lordship was pleased to

* George Earl Macartney, died March 31, 1806, aged 68. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* LXXVI. 387, 475.

express of the Chinese novel, published by me near forty years ago, has excited in the bookseller who possesses the copyright a wish to re-publish it; but, as its principal merit is its genuineness, he has been intreating me to solicit the honour of your Lordship to allow him to mention, in a few preliminary lines, that ‘my Lord Macartney allows him to mention, that, when his Lordship was in China, he found the original of this little work well known to the Chinese, and as popular among them as any similar production would be in England.’”

Earl MACARTNEY to Bishop PERCY.

“MY LORD,

Petersham, August 21, 1800.

“A severe indisposition, from which I am not yet entirely recovered, has prevented me from having the pleasure of sooner acknowledging the honour of your Lordship’s letter.

“With regard to the Chinese novel which you mention, I think that I have a note relative to it, somewhere among my papers, which I will look for when I return to town; but, as well as I recollect, it contained little more than what is mentioned by Sir George Staunton. However, as his son is now actually at Canton, and a great proficient in the Chinese language, he will have an opportunity of ascertaining on the spot all particulars which are wished to be known upon this subject, and I shall not fail to write to him for the purpose by the earliest ships that sail from hence. His testimony will be a much more satisfactory passport to Mr. Wright’s new edition, than any thing which he could be furnished with at present.

“I have the honour to be, with great respect, my Lord, your Lordship’s most obedient and most humble servant,

“MACARTNEY.”

“MY LORD,

Curzon Street, December 16, 1802.

“I am happy to have it now in my power to send you Sir George Staunton’s answer to my inquiries relative to the Chinese novel, upon which subject your Lordship honoured me with a letter about two years ago. Sir George is now in London, and, if you should wish for any farther information, I am sure he would have great plea-

sure in obeying your Lordship's commands. I have the honour to be, with great respect, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient servant,
MACARTNEY."

1800.

ALEXANDER THOMSON, Esq.* to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, Edinburgh, Buccleugh Street, Sept. 8, 1800.

"Allow me to offer you my warmest acknowledgements for the copy of the '*Reliques of Ancient Poetry*,' which lately reached me through the kind intervention of our mutual friend Dr. Anderson; and suffer me also to assure your Lordship, that you could not have bestowed such a mark of attention on any one by whom it would have been either more gratefully received or more highly valued. The literary pre-eminence of the venerable donor, and the intrinsic merit of the work itself, must indeed have rendered such a gift sufficiently flattering to any person of common taste and common sensibility; but to me it was attended with a peculiar charm, from its complete coincidence with my favourite pursuits. I have long meditated a very arduous undertaking, no less than a '*History of Scottish Poetry*,' and have already made considerable progress in the critical part of the first volume, which will bring it down to the reign of James IV. the Augustan æra of our vernacular literature. In the prosecution of such a project, your Lordship may easily imagine of what utility these precious volumes must be; and with what delight I saw myself in possession of so rich a treasure of poetical antiquities, which promised in future to become the object of my frequent reference, and almost daily consultation.

* Alexander Thomson, Esq. the Scottish poet, was the author of "*Whist, a Poem*," 1792—"Essay on Novels; a Poetical Epistle addressed to an ancient and to a modern Bishop; with six Sonnets from Werter." 4to. 1794—"The Paradise of Taste; a Poem." 4to. 1796 (*Monthly Rev.* xxi. 274-280—"The German Miscellany, consisting of Dramas, Dialogues, Tales, and Novels; translated by A. Thomson." 1797, 12mo.—"*Pictures of Poetry, historical, biographical, and critical*." 1799, small 8vo.—"*The East Indian; a Comedy, from the German of Kotzebue*." 1799, 8vo.—"*The British Parnassus at the close of the Eighteenth Century; a Poem*." Edinb. 1801; Lond. 1802, 4to.—"*Sonnets, Odes, and Elegies*." 1802, small 8vo. His "*History of Scottish Poetry*" was left by him very imperfect. He died at Edinburgh, Nov. 7, 1803, in his 41st year. See Dr. Anderson's account of his death in *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. pp. 122, 123.

"I hope that the small volume of poetry, which was transmitted to your Lordship at my request by Dr. Anderson, had the good fortune to afford you some amusement, and to obtain some share of your approbation, the assurance of which would gratify me highly. It was only the opening of an extensive plan, in which since that time I have made further progress, as the whole series of my Roman Pictures is now almost ready for the press. I am rather uncertain about the time of publication; but whenever it takes place, I shall do myself the honour of soliciting your acceptance of another volume.

"I remain, in the mean time, with the highest esteem and respect, your Lordship's most obliged, humble servant,
"ALEX. THOMSON."

Rev. Dr. HODGSON* to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, Marken Rasen, Lincolnshire, Sept. 22, 1800.

"For many years, with the most indefatigable industry, I have endeavoured to obtain, if not the possession, at least the sight, of what I cannot but regard as one of the finest poems in our own or any other language. My attempts have been in vain. I find a very short specimen of it in your Lordship's 'Reliques of Ancient Poetry;' and hence I cannot resist the inclination to request that your Lordship will have the goodness to inform me where or how a sight of it may be obtained. The poem I mean is

* The Rev. Henry Hodgson, M.D. and LL.D. Vicar of Tealby and Corringham, co. Lincoln. He was born at Toft, near Market Rasen, and educated at Peter House, Cambridge, where he took his first degree in 1775. Having soon afterwards entered into holy orders, he officiated for some time as curate at Market Rasen. Encouraged by the late Dr. Jebb, he was induced to apply himself to the study of medicine, for which purpose he went to Edinburgh, and obtained the degree of M.D. While prosecuting his medical studies he had the misfortune to lose his friend Dr. Jebb; upon which, though invited to enter upon the exercise of his profession, and to undertake the pastoral office of either of two of the most respectable congregations in the North of England, he chose to return to his native home, and fix his residence at Market Rasen, serving his own church of Tealby himself. Besides the learned languages, Dr. Hodgson was well versed in French, Italian, Spanish, and German. He wrote several pamphlets on the Whig side of the question during the wars of the American and French revolutions; and published "Letters to Mrs. Kindersley, on the Spirit of Popery," 8vo. 1778; "Sermons on Universal Benevolence," 8vo. 1778; and "Effusions of the Heart and Fancy, in verse and prose," 8vo. 1779. He was a frequent correspondent of the Gentleman's Magazine. He died Nov. 22, 1815, aged 62.

Stephen Hawes's 'Pastime of Pleasure,' which judging from Warton's analysis of it, notwithstanding his invidious insinuation, I cannot but regard as highly superior to any thing that any of our poets, Spenser only excepted, could have produced in the same walk. In this opinion I am not singular; it is that of some respectable literary persons, who know no more where a copy of the works of this respectable 'Master of the Gothic and Allegoric Lyre' is to be met with than I do.

"Though I respect the literary character of the unfortunate Earl of Surrey, yet I cannot help lamenting, that, as he found an editor a few years ago, Hawes's more valuable productions have not met with an editor whose taste, learning, and character in the world might secure them that attention which they merit.

"Can your Lordship inform me from what ancient romance or the like Spenser draws his allusion to the story of the Egyptian Phaë, in 'Faery Queen,' B. 3, C. 2, St. 20?

"With the greatest respect, I have the honour to be, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient humble servant,

"H. HODGSON.

"Should your Lordship honour me with an answer, my address is 'Dr. Hodgson, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire.'"

HENRY ELLIS,* Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Oct. 16, 1800.

"The Papers on Hall's Virgidemiarum were safely conveyed to my brother's, but as I was absent from London I did not receive them till the day before yesterday. The kindness with which your Lordship examined them will be long remembered; and carelessness or misconception alone on my part could ever have dictated a sentence which might even seem to reflect on 'L'Allegro' of Milton. My intention was to observe, that, though Marston had written lines which Milton would not scruple to transcribe for their chasteness and elegance, yet others occur in his Satires which tend but to perpetuate obscenity of the most offensive kind. So that the censure was designed entirely for Marston. But perhaps it would be better for me to omit the paragraph entirely.

* Since Sir Henry Ellis, K.H. Principal Librarian of the British Museum.

"Materials, my Lord, for the illustration of Hall* are almost daily crowding upon me; and I have made considerable additions to my stock since it was committed to the care of Dr. Percy, to whom I am indebted for every comfort that sweetened an almost solitary residence at college † during a great part of the last long vacation.

"The favourable notice your Lordship has been already pleased to take of my papers, and the honour you intend me, claim the repeated thanks of, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient servant,

"HENRY ELLIS."

Mr. THOMAS RODD ‡ to Bishop PERCY.

"No. 5, Abbey Church Yard, Bath, Nov. 10, 1800.

"MY LORD,

"I take the liberty of writing you a line, having lately translated '*Las Guerras Civiles*,' from which your Lordship gave years ago two such excellent specimens of the Romances. I will not flatter myself that I have succeeded like your Lordship, but I hope not executed the work altogether indifferently. If you will do me the honour to inform me in what manner I can send the book, I shall beg your acceptance of a copy.

"It would be also a favour if your Lordship could oblige me with a recommendation to some bookseller in Dublin to dispose of the copyright there, not only of that book, but also of two volumes of the most curious Romances or Ballads from the History of the Twelve Peers, which are very curious. I am now copying them for publication. The honour of a line will be most respectfully esteemed by, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,

"THOMAS RODD."

* Particulars of the various modern editions of Bishop Hall's Satires will be found in Lowndes's Bibliographer's Manual.

† St. John's College, Oxford.

‡ Now the highly respectable bookseller in Great Newport-street, Westminster. He has published "*Elegy on Francis Duke of Bedford*," 1802, 4to. "*History of Charles the Great and Orlando*, ascribed to Archbishop Turpin; translated from the Latin in Spanheim's *Lives of Ecclesiastical Writers*; together with the most celebrated ancient Spanish Ballads relating to the Twelve Peers of France, mentioned in *Don Quixote*, with English Metrical Versions, by Thomas Rodd," 1812, 2 vols. 8vo. "*Sonnets, amatory, descriptive, and religious; Odes, Songs, and Ballads*," 8vo. 1816.

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Extracts of Letters between GEORGE AUST, Esq.
and BISHOP PERCY.*

"MY DEAR LORD,

Bath, Sept. 9, 1800.

"I avail myself of your Lordship's obliging permission to write you some account of my tour to this place. At Oxford I was happy in the opportunity of introducing myself to Dr. Percy, and am much obliged to your Lord-

* This highly respectable gentleman, who was related to Bishop Percy through the family of Lowe, filled several important offices.

In 1790 he was appointed one of the Under Secretaries of State for the foreign department.

In 1795 he was appointed Commissary General of the Musters, and Chief Muster-master of all his Majesty's Forces in Great Britain. Also, appointed Secretary and Registrar of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea.

On the 11th of December 1794, Mr. Aust lost his only daughter, Frances-Elizabeth, in her 17th year. "To a very lively wit and fertile imagination, she is said to have joined an acuteness of penetration and a solidity of judgment far above her years, flowing from a genius cultivated by incessant application."—*Gent. Mag.* 1795, p. 166. He lost his first wife (whom he had married in 1772) May 31, 1803; but he remained a widower only a few months, as he was married Nov. 1, 1803, to Sarah, widow of the Hon. W. Murray, to whom he was attached in their youth. They purchased a plot of ground of about four acres at Kensington Gore, opposite Hyde Park Gate, and on it erected an elegant mansion, to which they gave the name of Noel House, from the late owner of the ground, Sir Gerard Noel, Bart. it being part of the domain of the Earls of Gainsborough.—(*Faulkner's History of Kensington*, p. 298.)—A view of the house is given in Mr. Faulkner's History. The grounds were laid out with great taste by Mrs. Aust. This accomplished lady he had the misfortune to lose just eight years after their marriage. He erected a marble tablet in Kensington Church to the memory of his wife and her first husband, with the following inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of the Hon. William Murray, third son of the Earl of Dunmore, who died December 25, 1786, aged 46.

"Also, to the memory of Sarah his wife, who afterwards married George Aust, Esq. and died Nov. 5, 1811, aged 67.

"Their remains are deposited in the Vicar's vault, in front of the chancel, on the outside of the rail.

"Deeply lamenting the loss of a truly pious and dearly beloved wife, her surviving husband has erected this monument."

Mr. Aust married a third wife, Catharine (his widow).

He died Feb. 11, 1829, and was buried (agreeably to his desire in his will) with his first wife Sarah, and his favourite daughter, at Paddington Church.

He left Noel House, Kensington, and leasehold property at Paradise Row, Chelsea, to his wife Catharine for life, and after her decease to his cousin Robert Brymer Stanser, son of Dr. Robert Stanser, Bishop of Nova Scotia. He left Bishop Stanser a legacy of 500*l.* and several legacies to friends and servants. The rest of his personal property to his wife for life, and afterwards to R. Brymer Stanser.

His executors were his wife and Thomas Butts, Esq. assistant commissary of musters. His widow died at the residence of her son-in-law, George Colby Loftus, Esq. of Wolland House, Dorsetshire, April 21, 1839, in her 77th year.

ship for preparing him for my visit. We deviated a little from our plan in going straight forward to Worcester, which gave us an opportunity of visiting the Lowe.* Mr. Adams shewed us the house, which is only a part of what it was. I saw the venerable picture of Mrs. Arthur Lowe (afterwards Meysey), and I admired the yew tree in front of the house, which, from its flourishing appearance, bids fair to survive another period of 800 years. It is indeed a most charming situation, and a very rich and fertile country. I saw the monument of Mr. Arthur Lowe. We then continued our journey towards Hereford. The vast size of the pear-trees in all this country, mentioned by your Lordship, did not escape our observation. Our next route was to Ludlow, from whence we took the direct road to Birmingham, that I might visit two of the Wheelers, my cousins, one lately removed to Cleobury, the other a lawyer, who has lately rebuilt his house, in a very handsome style, at Winterfold, near Kidderminster. The latter, who is the best informed in family matters, was absent on a journey. At Birmingham I was introduced to Mr. Thomas Lowe, also a lawyer, whose ancestors have resided for many generations in the house he now occupies, called Camp Hill. He has looked a good deal into pedigrees, and he assured me that the Bromsgrove Lowes are descended from those of Worley: and has promised, with the help of the notes I have given him, to trace this genealogy as far back as possible. At Bromsgrove I saw the achievement of the last Humphry Lowe, who died about thirty years back, and the monument of Thomas Lowe, esq. of Chadwick, both bearing three lion's heads on a bend. At Worcester I visited Mrs. Philpot, sister of that Humphry Lowe, widow of the late Rev. Mr. Philpot. She introduced me to her son who, in our family talk, observed that the arms ought to be wolves, or wolves' heads, as there was no doubt of the Bromsgrove Lowes being descended from the original stock of Lindridge, though he could not trace it. This is contrary, as your Lordship will recollect, to a former opinion of some of the Bromsgroves. I ought not to take my leave of Birmingham, without doing justice to Mr. Bolton's kindness, in setting his coining machines in motion, and astonishing us by the facility,

* In 1782 Dr. Percy contributed a history and pedigree of the family of Lowe (including his own family) to Dr. Nash's History of Worcestershire. See vol. II. p. 93.

expedition, and perfection with which they poured out the coin at the simple touch of a little boy. His creation of land, wood, and water, in the former barren spot of Soho, is also wonderful.

"My dear Lord, your Lordship's faithful and obedient humble servant and kinsman,
G. AUST."

"*Sept. 23, 1800.*—I return my thanks for the valuable present of my cousin Joshua Lowe's prayerbook; a precious family relic. Yesterday came on the election of a new Mayor for Bath, when Mr. Attwood was chosen. They have resolved to have no public feast this year, and to apply the usual expense, about 300*l.*, to the relief of the poor. No bad example for the metropolis to imitate. I have had the honour of visiting Mrs. Isted, who is my near neighbour. I found her a very agreeable lady, who, at the advanced age of 82, though infirm, possesses a great deal of the vivacity of youth. She told me gaily that she had fallen in love with her daughter-in-law before her son had seen her."

"*Oct. 27.*—I acknowledge your Lordship's great kindness in selecting for me another of my kinsman Joshua's religious books, as it furnishes another pleasing proof of the piety inherent in the family of Lowe. The example of charity towards the poor in Mr. Arthur Lowe's will, may find an imitation in the Lowes of Staffordshire, descended from those of Worley, and, probably, from the most ancient stock of Lindridge. Mr. Thomas Lowe, of Camp Hill, Birmingham, shewed me an original deed of trust, by which Humphry Lowe, then of Coventry (1677) settled lands in Rowley Regis, Staffordshire, of about 35*l.* per annum, for the salary of a chaplain to Deritend, in the suburbs of Birmingham. I had before seen a note of this in a History of Staffordshire, which also mentions a bequest for feeding and clothing a certain number of poor, from another of that family, very similar to Mr. Arthur Lowe's.* Since my return, I have visited Mrs. Lucy Lowe, the mother of the young gentleman. This lady was widow of Thomas Lowe, who died at Epsom about three years since. He was the son of the Reverend Thomas

* "George Lowe, member for Calne, 1655, is among the benefactors to the abbey library at Bath. Samuel Lowe, Rector of High Laver, Essex, who died in 1709, inherited the same pious disposition towards the poor, but I cannot at present turn to the particulars."

Lowe, formerly chaplain of Chelsea Hospital, and son of Humphry Lowe, who married a Jolliffe, and whose genealogy is traced in Dr. Nash's History under the head of Bromsgrove. The said Reverend Mr. Lowe married a daughter of Mr. Furye, Secretary to Chelsea Hospital. Your Lordship will smile to see by what a concatenation of events the family of Lowe continue a connection with this institution. Mrs. Lowe tells me that her son is the only surviving male representative of the Bromsgrove Lowes. He is just entered at Trinity College, Oxford, and I am to see him in the vacation, when he visits his mother, who has a house in Park-street, Grosvenor-square. Her maiden name was Hill, of Court Hill, near Ludlow."

"*Dec. 9.*—The picture your Lordship has drawn of the inhabitants of your neighbourhood is highly gratifying. May the same spirit of tranquillity, with its natural attendants, industry and plenty, soon diffuse itself throughout the rest of your kingdom, to which I hope the Union will be found materially to conduce, after all political jealousies have subsided. I condole with your Lordship on the death of Mrs. Isted. From the apparent state of health and cheerfulness of that lady no longer ago than last September, I had flattered myself with the hopes of again enjoying the pleasure of her society at my next visit to Bath. The Christian names of Mr. Lowe, the representative of the Bromsgrove branch, are Thomas-Hill-Peregrine-Furye; the two former from his maternal grandfather; the two latter from his father's uncle, who was his mother's brother, and son to a former secretary of Chelsea Hospital. I shall be very curious to see the ancient deeds your Lordship mentions, and shall look forward with impatience for the second meeting of the Imperial Parliament, which will restore me to the honour and the happiness of your Lordship's conversation."

"*Bath, April 20, 1801.*—Permit me to offer my congratulations on the marriage of Miss Percy with Mr. Meade. The return of a very sharp winter last week affected Mrs. Aust's health so much at Clifton, that she was glad to hasten back to the milder situation of Bath. The Duchess of York's residence here adds very much to the vivacity of the scene, and she makes herself very popular, by patronising every benevolent object. Her Royal Highness seems quite restored in her health by drinking these waters constantly, though she is still liable to faint-

ing fits. The Duke passed the Easter week with her, quite *en famille*, and in that respect sets a *second illustrious* example."

"*Chelsea, Dec. 14, 1802.*—I should do great injustice to my feelings were I to omit my grateful acknowledgments for the very handsome expressions in your Lordship's letter, on the subject of our becoming known to each other. I may truly say that it is a circumstance which has made a considerable addition to the happiness of my life, and would very probably have occurred many years sooner, had not my close attention to public duties have secluded me in a great measure from all family concerns. Your Lordship's eminent character, however, could not be unknown to me; and I had long been one of the admirers of the elegant effusions of your genius, and particularly of the 'Hermit of Warkworth,' from the time of its first publication in 1770. With so just a prepossession in my mind, had I the least idea of the relationship in which I had the honour of standing with your Lordship, I should have eagerly embraced the first opportunity of submitting my claim to a share in your Lordship's friendship; and the candid urbanity with which you admitted my plea, when it was made, has given me the happy assurance that at no period would it have been made in vain. At the time of my being introduced to your Lordship at Brighton, by my friend Mr. Nares, I had no personal acquaintance with any branch of my mother's family; but I have since made another pleasing addition to that stock, of which your Lordship is already informed, in the person of Mrs. Lowe, of Court Hill, Salop, and her son, the representative of the Bromsgrove branch of the family of Lowe; a promising young man, just of age, and who has finished his education at Trinity College, Oxford."

"*Chelsea, June 4, 1803.*—I have just lost one of the best of wives, who expired last Tuesday in a paralytic fit, having been struggling ever since her first attack, which was six months before my introduction to your Lordship. After passing thirty-one years together, in as much harmony as generally falls to the lot of mortals, it is not in nature to avoid lamenting my separation from so dear a companion."

"*Kensington, Nov. 6.*—I think it incumbent on me to acquaint you that, on Tuesday last, I received the hand of

the Honourable Mrs. Murray, sister-in-law of the Earl of Dunmore, to whom I was attached in my youth, and whose conduct through life, with her amiable disposition and qualities, leave me little doubt, with the blessing of Heaven, of enjoying as much domestic comfort for the remainder of my life as can be reasonably expected at the age of 63."

"June 2, 1804.—The season for travelling being now returned, I propose, in about ten days, to set out with Mrs. Aust on an extensive tour to Scotland, and back by the Lakes, to visit those scenes which she has described in two volumes, one published about three years ago, the other last autumn. Thus to me, who have never been further North than the hither borders of Yorkshire, she is well qualified to act the part of a living guide. The last volume (should it not have fallen in your Lordship's way) you will find handsomely noticed in the Monthly Review* for last February. This tour may, possibly, occupy near three months."

"*Athol House, Blair, Aug. 16.*—Mrs. Aust's publication, about which your Lordship has the goodness to inquire, is a 'Guide to the Lakes of Cumberland, &c., and the Highlands of Scotland, with a Description of their Natural Beauties,' published by Nicol, Pall Mall, one volume in 1799, and another last autumn, which includes the Western Isles, particularly Staffa.† The latter place has formed part of my present tour, and, having had the advantage of a very fine day, I was enabled to admire every part of that astonishing mass of basaltic pillars, resembling, I am told, the Giant's Causeway, but upon a larger scale. The lofty mountains, some of them with perpetual snow on their summits, and the extensive lakes in these Highlands, are, indeed, objects of wonder to a traveller who had never been beyond the southern border of Yorkshire. I confess, too, that I had formed a very erroneous opinion of this country. Instead of a sterile, uncultivated soil, and a wild uncivilised people, I found, in many parts, good crops of hay, corn, potatoes, and fruit in particular, more plentiful this season than in England; and the inhabitants, even of the lowest rank, well-educated, obliging,

* "A Companion and useful Guide to the Beauties in the Western Islands of Scotland and in the Hebrides. By the Hon. Mrs. Murray of Kensington. 2 vols. 15s."

† See Monthly Review, vols. XXXI. and XLIII.

and hospitable to strangers. In that part of the country where inns with suitable accommodations are hardly to be met, the middling gentry are always prepared to give the traveller a welcome reception, and they are even offended when their kind offers are rejected. Our journey was from Edinburgh by Glasgow, Callender, and Inverary, to Oban, where we took water for Mull, and, travelling through that island, we had a short ferry to pass to Ulva, where we again took boat for Staffa, with the most favourable wind and weather that could be wished. This is the best route for Staffa, especially if the traveller can make an acquaintance at Ulva House (which we had the good fortune to do), the residence of the charming family of the Macdonalds, proprietors of Ulva and Staffa. After our return to Oban, we proceeded by Balakeulish to the Three Forts, and to Inverness, where the new Caledonian Canal is going on, the other extremity of which we saw at Fort William. From Inverness by Forres to Elgin, and thence, crossing the country, we came by Aviemore and Pitmain to this hospitable and magnificent mansion, just as the season opened for the interesting sport (to the young and active) for deer and grouse shooting, of both which there is plenty in this neighbourhood. Our next course will be round by Rannock to Dunkeld, Braemar, by the banks of the Dee to Aberdeen, the Cairse of Gowrie, Perth, and Edinburgh. Among the many interesting objects which occasioned a deviation from our straight road we had the pleasure to include the Hermitage of Warkworth, which your Lordship's pen has celebrated."

"*Kensington, Jan. 8, 1805.*—As my wife is much attached to this neighbourhood, where she has been resident upwards of twenty years, and seeing no likelihood of finding a house suited to us, I have just engaged a piece of ground opposite the entrance into Hyde Park, in order to build one to our minds."

"*June 28.*—Your Lordship has been so kind as to anticipate the joint wishes of Mrs. Aust and myself, in permitting us to pay our respects at Dromore House towards the end of August. Our present plan is to set out about the middle of July to visit the Lakes in the North of England, and such other interesting objects as may engage our attention, so as to reach Port Patrick about the middle of August."

"*Belfast, Aug. 16.*—I arrived at this place with Mrs.

Aust yesterday, having had a pleasant voyage to Donaghadee of four hours and a half on Wednesday, and enjoyed the first specimen of Irish hospitality that night at Mr. Arbuckle's, who with Lady Sophia* desire their compliments. I called on Mr. Robinson, and saw the picture of the Giant's Causeway, belonging to Master Isted, with another of Point Pleskin, both of which appear very interesting. But what was much more gratifying to me, is a portrait of your Lordship; so striking a likeness that I knew it instantly."

"*Portrush, Aug. 29.*—Your Lordship's letter was delivered to me just after I had sent off mine from Belfast. Your Lordship anticipated my wishes in preparing Dr. Richardson to give Mrs. Aust and me that friendly reception which we have received here. We propose passing some days here, to take the fullest view of the interesting scenery around us. I shall with great pleasure attend to your Lordship's hint, by subscribing to the juvenile production of Mr. Robinson's wonderful son, whom I hope also to see at Belfast. Mrs. Aust is highly sensible of the advantage of being introduced to so able an instructor in her favourite pursuit as Dr. Richardson, who appears equally pleased with the ardour and diligence of his new pupil."

"*Chelsea, Nov. 4, 1806.*—Having mentioned to Mr. Bernard, a very active member of the Sunday School Society, the pleasure I felt last autumn in witnessing your Lordship's humane attentions for the instruction of the children of the poor, he requested I would give him a statement of what I had observed, with a view to his including it in some future Report; which I did, though imperfectly. He has returned it to me, in the hope of obtaining more particular information, which I entreat your Lordship to do for the public good."

"*Kensington, Jan. 9, 1807.*—It was with inexpressible concern that I read in your letter of the 2d inst. the account of the loss you have sustained in your excellent Lady, and I beg to assure your Lordship that my wife and myself most sincerely sympathise in the sorrow which such an event cannot but occasion."

"*Chelsea, Feb. 1, 1808.*—We have been much pleased

* Lady Sophia Jocelyn, daughter of Robert first Earl of Roden, married in 1798 to James Arbuckle, esq. who died in 1824. Her Ladyship died Oct. 1825.

lately at the Royal Institution, to hear from the Rev. Mr. Dibdin, in his Lectures on Ancient English Literature, frequent allusions to the 'Reliques of Ancient English Poetry.'"

"*Dec. 23.*—The account which Mr. Boyd gave of the health of your Lordship, and of the amiable family at Dromore House, was highly gratifying as well to Mrs. Aust as to myself; and that gentleman, on his return, will have made a report to your Lordship of what he observed in his obliging visits to our habitation, which we flatter ourselves will not be displeasing to you to hear. In particular, your Lordship would be amused to be told that he met at dinner a little Arthur Lowe, a Westminster scholar, who is of the Bromsgrove branch. His elder brother Thomas (named after his father) has lately taken orders. His grandfather, of the same name, was one of the Chaplains to Chelsea Hospital."

Bishop Percy to George Aust, Esq. "Jan. 24, 1809.—The young Arthur Lowe, whom Mr. Aust so affectionately invited to his table while Mr. Boyd was there, proves by his name that he is descended from the old original stock, for the Bishop's father was christened Arthur Lowe (as well as his own father Arthur), in compliment to his great uncle Mr. Arthur Lowe, whose father and grandfather had both the name of Arthur; and Mr. Aust will probably not be displeased to hear that their ancient estate at the LOWE, though now reduced to a single farm,* is highly improving under the present tenant, a very industrious young man of good connections; but the venerable old yew-tree, surrounded by a circular trunk of timber, of the greatest antiquity, under which their common ancestors sat for many generations, was last year blown down; and as the eminence on which it grew, distinguished by the name of the *Yew-tree Bank*, was a land-mark or direction to travellers, its loss will for some time be felt, but orders have been given to have a young tree planted in its place. To console him for this loss, the Bishop has had a *windfall* of another kind, by the expiration of a lease of between four and five hundred English acres of some of the very best land in all this neighbourhood, which he has settled on his family."

"*Chelsea College, Nov. 23.*—Mrs. Aust and myself

* "Yet it still receives chief-rents from two adjoining parishes."

have made a few weeks' tour to Cheltenham, Bath, Clifton, and Wells, at which latter place we passed some days on a visit to my old diplomatic friend Mr. Drake. The cathedral of Wells is itself an object highly interesting. The numerous statues which adorn its exterior have suffered less from the hand of time, or other depredators, than perhaps any edifice of the kind in this country. The ruins at Glastonbury were only five miles from our headquarters; and it was easy to include within our travels Brockley Comb and Cheddar Cliffs; the former covered with wood, the latter undressed, but both reminding us of the Highland scenery. We found the beauties of nature and art united at Stourhead, and admired the bold magnificence of Longleat Park, as a grand contrast to the former; and the stupendous work of Stonehenge completed our list, which we examined on our road home by Andover."

"Dec. 18, 1810.—The past summer has been chiefly devoted by us to a tour in the North, in which we again viewed some interesting scenery in the Highlands, particularly that part so warmly and justly described in the popular poem of the 'Lady of the Lake.' We had also the opportunity of reviving many agreeable connections, as well as of forming some new ones, and of tracing new and beautiful roads lately opened; but in one point, on which Mrs. Aust had set her heart, we were sadly disappointed, by the very tempestuous weather, which prevented our crossing to the Isle of Skye, to visit the wonderful stalactite cavern discovered two years ago on the south-west coast of that island, belonging to the estate of Mr. M'Alister, very nearly resembling that at Antiparos, an account of which is given in the *Encyclopædia Britannica*. Without waiting to see it, indeed, Mrs. Aust had ventured to publish a description of it, from good authority, in a supplement to a new edition of her *Guide* last summer, with the new roads actually made or intended. Our tour was, however, very pleasant and interesting; it employed eleven weeks, in which time we travelled nearly sixteen hundred miles."

Bishop Percy to Mr. Aust.—"It will probably gratify Mr. Aust to be informed, that the estate of The Lowe, the property of their common ancestors, which was once considerable, as appears by two chief-rents still paid from two neighbouring estates, but is now reduced to 140

acres, producing a rent only of £180, is so charmingly situated, and having still the venerable old mansion remaining upon it, that the Bishop has lately refused £6000 offered him for the purchase. If Mr. Aust should meet with Dr. Nash's History of Worcestershire, 2 vols. fol. 1782, he will find in vol. ii. p. 91, a very full account of the Lowe family, who were possessed of this estate so far back as the reign of Henry III. with other curious particulars on the subject."

"*Chelsea College, Feb. 1, 1811.*—The very considerable improvement mentioned by your Lordship in the ancient Lowe estate, is matter of real congratulation; and I had an opportunity of seeing the venerable old mansion upon it in the year 1800. My family curiosity led me about the same time to look into the genealogy of Lowe, in Dr. Nash's History of Worcestershire; from which circumstance I date the honour and happiness of my first introduction and subsequent correspondence with your Lordship, which I hope I shall long continue to be favoured with."

"*Aug. 13.*—I was honoured with your Lordship's letter, communicating to me the result of the raffle for the late Mr. Robinson's picture of Niobe; and I certainly cannot regret my want of success on this occasion, when I hear the prize has fallen into such respectable hands as those of the Rev. Mr. Tighe. You will be concerned to hear that Mrs. Aust has been very ill for nearly three months."*

1801.

JOHN HEYSHAM, M.D. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD,

Carlisle, March 6, 1801.

"I have never yet been able to procure a sight of those volumes of the Gentleman's Magazine which contain your observations on the migration of birds. Your Lordship's letter,† however, is so full and copious on the subject, as to render the inspection of the original communications less necessary, and it gives me great pleasure to understand that our opinions so nearly coincide. I had not indeed observed the want of the two long exterior feathers of the tail in the young birds, about the time of their departure, which may be easily accounted for from my

* Mrs. Aust died Nov. 5, 1811, aged 67. Gent. Mag. 1811, ii. p. 586.

† See the Letter here alluded to reprinted in p. 320 of this volume.

shortness of sight; but I had paid particular attention to the state of the Swifts during the whole of the time of their remaining here, and never could perceive the least appearance or symptom of moulting. The same observations I made with respect to the Cuckoo; for although in the spring I found some of them have more brown feathers than others, I never met with one at that season which had the least resemblance in colour to the young birds of the preceding autumn; from which I concluded that they must have migrated, or moulted when in a state of torpidity; a circumstance which appeared to me, as it has done to your Lordship, almost impossible.

"The Swift has only one brood; most of the House-martins, I am certain, have two in the season; and I believe that is the case with the Swallow. Although we have myriads of the four different species of the genus Swallow in Cumberland and Northumberland, and certainly more coal-pits, lead-mines, &c. in those two counties than in any other two counties in the island, yet I have never heard of a single individual of any one of the species having been found during my residence in Carlisle, which is now upwards of twenty-four years.

"In short, the experiments communicated to your Lordship by the late Mr. J. Hunter, and the observations which I have made of the disappearance of the Swift in the first or second week in August, which in general is the warmest season of the year, are alone sufficient to convince any reasonable person that this tribe of birds do not become torpid in England.

"The last letters from Mr. Carlyle* were dated Constantinople, Jan. 14, at which time they had heard of the safe arrival at Rhodes of Sir R. Abercromby, with 18,000 men, in good health and spirits. Mr. C. entertains very sanguine hopes of the good success of that expedition. He was permitted to examine the library, but I believe has found nothing in it very interesting. It was his intention to leave Constantinople about the beginning of February, and to visit in his way home Mount Athos and Athens, and from thence to proceed to Rome. JOHN HEYSHAM."

* The Rev. Joseph Dacre Carlyle, D.D., F.R.S. a learned Orientalist; born at Carlisle 1759; died April 9, 1804, aged 45. See an account of him and a list of his works in *Gent. Mag.* LXXIV. 390; in *Carlisle's History of the Carlisle Family*; also, abridged, in *Jefferson's History of Carlisle*, p. 432. To the list of his works may be added, "Poems, chiefly suggested by Scenes in Asia Minor, Greece, and Syria," 1805, 4to.

EYLES IRWIN,* Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

"High Park, Drumcondra, Dublin,
April 21, 1801.

"While I take up the pen to perform an injunction you kindly laid on me, it gives me satisfaction to know that I may congratulate you on the late happy event in your family, which, I trust, will answer the expectations which a parent, like you, will naturally form on the marriage of a daughter.†

"After numerous vexations and delays, which your Lordship's knowledge of the stage will readily suggest, the Opera‡ is announced for representation on the 29th inst. The interest you have taken in its success makes me regret your Lordship's absence on this occasion, though I believe it to be patronised by the lovers of poetry and music, who have any knowledge of the piece. It might, however, prove of considerable service could your Lordship find time to communicate your opinion of the work to any person in Dublin, whose zeal and influence were likely to promote its success. This would be taking an unpardonable liberty with your Lordship, did I not already lie under more material obligations by the touches the piece has received from your pen. Whatever may be its fate, it will have derived every assistance from the music, which is pronounced superior to the compositions of the day, and from the scenery, which is chaste and classical.

"I have written a Prologue of a serious kind, to be spoken by Mr. Huddart. The Epilogue is lively, but not of the comic kind you saw. I wish they could have been perused by your Lordship.

"Mrs. Irwin joins me in every good wish, and I have the honour to be your Lordship's faithful and obliged,

"EYLES IRWIN."

"MY LORD,

"High Park, 26 May, 1801.

"Nothing but the cares incident to dramatic writing could have excused my so long neglecting your favour of the 28th ultimo, the very kind and flattering contents of which would have, at another time, enforced an imme-

* Eyles Irwin, Esq. died at Clifton, Aug. 12, 1817, in his 70th year. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* Jan. 1818, p. 93; and a list of his writings in the *Literary Calendar*, 1816; *Biographia Dramatica*, p. 391. Also a portrait and memoir of him in *European Magazine* for March 1789.

† The marriage of Miss Percy with the Hon. and Rev. Mr. Meade.

‡ "The Bedouins, a comic opera," Lond. 1802.

mediate acknowledgment. I hailed, as a good omen, your Lordship's assurances of success; and you may think I have reason to be satisfied in such a city as Dublin, when I tell you that the Opera was played three nights with great applause to very fashionable and select, though not crowded audiences; my ideas having been totally contradicted, in respect to the patriotism and temper of the mercantile and manufacturing part of the community. The apathy of the proprietor, incompetency of the manager, lateness of the season, and dissensions among the company, so operated, in its outset, against its success, that I was not sorry the Opera was obliged to be laid aside for the present, by the secession of the principal male singer and support of the piece, Mr. Philips, who refused to engage for the after-season on the low terms offered him. I cannot dismiss the subject without declaring that, in respect to the vocal and comic powers of the several performers, the originality and variety of the music, and the chaste and appropriate character of the scenery, no piece that ever appeared on a theatre was so well supported as the 'Bedouins.' Indeed, from a recent offer I have had to revive it at Drury-lane, on the opening of the house in September, it would appear that rumour had been more favourable to its merits than the difficulties under which it laboured led me to expect.

"Mrs. Irwin feels, like myself, the kind interest which your Lordship takes in what concerns the welfare of our family. She joins in grateful acknowledgments and best wishes for the happiness of yourself, your lady, and family. Believe me, &c.

EYLES IRWIN."

"MY LORD, High Park, Drumcondra, Dublin, 8 Feb. 1802.

"To the obligations which the accompanying drama has received from your taste and judgment, will you be good enough to allow it the honour of a place in your library? As the dialogue and poetry of the 'Bedouins' found favour in your sight, I trust that the neatness and correctness of the type will entail no discredit on the Irish press.

"Lady Hardwicke has countenanced Dr. Stevenson in the publication of the music of the Opera; a circumstance which reflects credit on her Ladyship's judgment and liberality, and is an example for future Vice-Queens to encourage the science and fine arts of a rising country.

"Mrs. Beatty takes charge of this; and has given me reason to hope for the pleasure of seeing your Lordship shortly in this city, in your way to England. I hope you will apprise me of your arrival, that I may pay my respects to you. Mrs. Irwin joins in every good wish for the health of yourself and family. EYLES IRWIN.

"Lord Bishop of Dromore."

From ALEXANDER FRASER TYTLER, Esq.* Judge
Advocate of N. Britain, to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Woodhouselee, 21st Sept. 1801.

"I had the honour of your Lordship's letter from Dromore of the — August, and feel that it demands my warmest acknowledgment. The terms in which you mention the small work I took the liberty of presenting to your Lordship, gives it, in my eyes, much more importance than it would otherwise have had; and the expected present of the last edition of the 'Reliques of Ancient Poetry' (of which I have only the first) will have the double value of its own high merits, and being the testimony of your Lordship's regard.

"If ever it shall be my fortune again to cross the sea which separates our islands, which my brother Lieutenant-Colonel Tytler's residence at Dublin with his family renders not improbable, I shall certainly avail myself of the most polite and flattering invitation which your Lordship has given me to pay my respects at Dromore House.

"ALEX. FRASER TYTLER."

"MY LORD,

Woodhouselee, 19 March, 1802.

"The splendid copy of the fourth edition of the 'Reliques of Ancient Poetry,' which I received above two months ago, and which forms one of the greatest ornaments of my library, has, whenever I cast my eye upon it, conveyed a silent but keen reproach, when I reflected on the just cause I had given your Lordship for accusing me of something like ingratitude, in having so long delayed to acknowledge the receipt of so elegant and beautiful a present. The truth is, I felt a strong desire

* The Hon. Alexander Fraser Tytler, Lord Woodhouselee, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Law in Scotland, author of the "Essay on the Principles of Translation;" "Elements of General History;" the "Life of Lord Kaimes," and other ingenious works. He died Jan. 5, 1813.

to make the best acknowledgment in my power, by sending your Lordship a copy of a work of mine then in the press, and which you may possibly have seen, by the London newspapers, is but recently published, 'Elements of General History, Ancient and Modern,' 2 vols. This necessarily induced a delay of some weeks; and since that time, my late appointment to a seat in the Court of Session has put it out of my power, till this first week of vacation, to attend to any thing but professional duties. I trust these circumstances will plead my excuse. I have now made up a small parcel for your Lordship, which I am on the search for an opportunity of conveying safely to Dromore. It consists of the book I have mentioned, and of an Essay printed some time ago, but not yet published, which makes a part of the next volume that will appear of the Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, 'An Examination of an Historical Hypothesis of the Abbé de Sade, in his Mémoires pour la Vie de Pétrarque,' in which I trust I have exhibited the character of that great poet, and of his lovely mistress, in a much more honourable point of view than that in which the French author has thought fit to delineate them. In this last performance, which turns a good deal on matters of criticism and philology, I flatter myself your Lordship may perhaps find some amusement. Our mutual friend Dr. Traill has promised, if no earlier opportunity occurs, to convey the parcel to your Lordship's hands; but, as there may be yet a delay of some weeks, I would not add to the blame I have already incurred by a longer silence.

"The additional matter contained in the last edition of the 'Reliques' is, in my opinion, extremely valuable; and your Lordship may now have the satisfaction of seeing the effect of those elegant researches in kindling a similar spirit of investigation, not only in England, but in our Hyperborean region, *Cirrhá procul et Permesside lymphá*; where some late works (particularly the 'Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border') would do no dishonour to any climate the most favoured of the Muses.

"I have the honour, &c. ALEX. FRASER TYTLER.

"Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Dromore."

[Undated, probably 1804.]

“MY DEAR AND MUCH RESPECTED LORD,

“It is now a long time since a correspondence, which was equally my pride and pleasure, has been interrupted on my part from the necessary occupations of professional duty on the one hand, and various matters of private concern demanding all my leisure moments, on the other. I am now beginning to breathe a little in the enjoyment of a short spring vacation of two months, which I hope will allow me the opportunity of recalling myself to the remembrance of my most valued friends, and suffer me to resume, for amusement and relaxation of mind, those literary pursuits which have always been the source of my highest pleasure.

“I have, for that purpose, and to fill up agreeably my intervals of leisure, planned to myself a work of some magnitude, indeed, I sometimes fear of too great an extent, if I do justice to the subject in all its aspects and relations: yet I have ardour enough to attempt it, and I think even assiduity to accomplish it in such a manner as shall not be altogether unworthy of the matters I have to treat. The proposed object is, the ‘Life of Lord Kaimes,’ which, according to the view I take of it, will comprehend the history of the rise and progress in Scotland of every improvement in arts, sciences, and literature during the greater part of the 18th century. This eminent man, with whom personally I was intimately acquainted during the last sixteen years of his long and most active life, was, in all those departments, the main-spring of activity in this country. He was a great master in political economics, and an ardent patriot, whose thoughts were perpetually turned to objects of public utility. He was an eminent lawyer, philosopher, and critic. He was, in his private character, social, benevolent, and humane; and he possessed the richest fund of animated and sprightly conversation. The public life of this extraordinary man naturally, therefore, embraces a history of the progress of the law, literature, philosophy, arts, and sciences of his own age in this his native country. In philosophy, he has been ignorantly classed among the sceptical writers: the truth is, he was a keen antagonist of scepticism, and was much more inclined to dogmatise than to doubt, for his mind was of that turn that it could not rest in uncertainty; and he had formed to himself a

settled belief in all matters of philosophy, of science, and even of taste, as his writings evidently show. His error lay in the strong predilection he had for metaphysical reasoning, which led him to seek for the foundation of morals in metaphysics ; but which was building those great and necessary truths on too precarious a basis. For this he had the same apology that Dr. Clarke made use of. The Sceptics had employed metaphysics to undermine the foundation of moral distinctions ; it was, therefore, as he thought, necessary to show that the same reasoning might be used with greater force in their support. In criticism, Lord Kaimes may be considered as the inventor of a science, namely, that which consists in founding taste on the basis of human nature, and drawing the rules of criticism from the passions and affections of the mind. As a scientific lawyer, he has done more to systematise the jurisprudence of his country than all the writers who have preceded him in that department. Your Lordship may hence form some conception of the plan of the work which I am meditating. The life of this distinguished man is the common centre which is to unite all the information I may be able to collect or furnish on those multifarious topics of research and disquisition. I have the aid of a most valuable series of letters from his correspondents, many of them the most eminent men of the last age ; and to delineate their characters, and give some account of their writings, will necessarily form a part of my undertaking. In this important article I have flattered myself that I may be indebted to your Lordship for much useful and curious information. To any work of this kind literary anecdote forms a great embellishment. I do not mean to imitate the minuteness of some late biographers, whose object seems chiefly to have been the collecting of table-talk ; but where I can find anything truly characteristic, and which serves to throw useful light either on an eminent individual or on the manners of the times, I shall most willingly introduce it, as giving interest and amusement to the picture, and relieving from the dryness of disquisition. Of the characters of the eminent Scotsmen of the last age, I have already collected pretty ample information ; and the letters I have mentioned afford great materials for the purpose. But there are some of the literary ornaments of our neighbour country who must

come incidentally under my view, and of whom I am most desirous to obtain a further acquaintance than I have yet arrived at: and it is here your Lordship's kind assistance will very greatly oblige me. The persons I have chiefly to mention, and of whom I am most desirous to obtain some notices, are Lord Hardwicke, Lord Mansfield, Dr. Warburton, Dr. Hurd, Dr. Lowth, and Benjamin Franklin. Of these illustrious men, if your Lordship can point out to me any sources from whence I may draw characteristic information, or, what I shall esteem much more, any short notices of them from your own observation or acquaintance with them, I shall esteem it a very high obligation. Further, if any remarks have occurred in the perusal of Lord Kaimes's writings, they will be extremely acceptable; or if you shall have observed, in the course of your reading, any animadversions on them by other authors, it will be most obliging to communicate them.

"I had some months ago from Dr. Anderson a copy of a mezzotinto portrait of your Lordship, but so worn and faint in the impression as to convey, I should suppose, a very imperfect idea of the picture by Sir Joshua Reynolds, and a still less perfect idea of the original. Is there no better print than this of the Bishop of Dromore? If I could obtain one, through your Lordship's favour, I cannot say how greatly I should prize it. I have the honour to be, with much esteem and regard, my Lord, your Lordship's much obliged and very faithful humble servant,

"ALEX. FRASER TYTLER.

"The Right Rev. Bishop of Dromore."

"MY DEAR LORD,

Edinburgh, May 23, 1804.

"I take the opportunity of Dr. Crawford's return to Ireland to trouble your Lordship with a few lines, merely to express the pleasure you did me in introducing to my acquaintance a gentleman whom you esteem, and whom, from the short opportunity I have had of seeing and conversing with him, I judge to be an intelligent, agreeable, and worthy man. I had particularly to regret that during the short time he was here I had it much less in my power either to show him kind attentions, or be of much use to him, from an unlucky illness, which confined me to my bed-chamber during most of the time he was in Edinburgh. In these two or three last days, however, that I have

been better, I have had the pleasure of his company for several hours, which has just served to make me regret the shortness of his visit. The business on which he came here is so far in a good train, that it is in the hands of very able professional men, who will do every justice towards the rendering his claim effectual ; of which, however, the ultimate success will entirely depend on the evidence of his nearer propinquity in full blood to the deceased than any of the other claimants. In cases of this kind, the Court of Exchequer are in use to sustain a very slender degree of evidence in preference to the Crown's right of *ultimus hæres*, where there is but one heir claiming in right of full blood, as here.

"I am most happy to learn from Dr. Crawford that your Lordship's health and spirits continue good, and your literary ardour unabated. Long may it be so!

"*Quietè, purè et eleganter actæ ætatis, quam placida ac lenis senectus !*"

"He flattered me likewise with the possibility of your paying a visit to Scotland perhaps this summer, in returning from your son-in-law's in England. This would give me a most sincere pleasure should it happen during the latter part of August or the month of September, which are generally our best months, and when I shall have returned home from a northern journey, which I shall probably be obliged to make in July, after our Court rises. In that case, I trust your Lordship would not find a week or two ill employed in a short trip to this Hyperborean region, which at that season abounds in beauties.

"I return many thanks for the mezzotinto prints, which I value as the mark of your Lordship's friendship ; and, with every kind wish, I have the honour to be, my dear Lord, your Lordship's very faithful and sincerely devoted humble servant,

ALEX. FRASER TYTLER."

"MY DEAR LORD,

Edinburgh, March 17, 1810.

"By the medium of our mutual friend, Dr. Anderson, I take the opportunity of sending your Lordship a copy of a small work of mine, just now published, 'An Essay on the Life and Character of Petrarch,' accompanied with a Translation of a few of his Sonnets. With a considerable part of this work, I mean the argumentative part, which regards the Abbé de Sade's hypothesis of Laura being a

married woman, your Lordship is already acquainted, from the short Dissertation I formerly published on that subject, which I had the pleasure to know met with your approbation. That work I have enlarged with much additional matter, and given the whole a more popular, and, I hope, a more pleasing cast, by the biographical and poetical matter introduced into it. Of the last, the translated Sonnets, it does not become me to say a word. As a few of them, however, have already met the public eye, and have found a reception much beyond what I expected, I would fain augur not unfavourably of the rest. To your critical judgment, equally candid as discriminating, and ever tempered with mildness, I submit the whole; and am, with every sentiment of respect and esteem, my dear Lord, your Lordship's much obliged and most faithful servant,

ALEX. FRASER TYTLER."

1802.

HUGH REVELEY, Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD BISHOP, Ely Place, Dublin, 13th April, 1802.

"You will, I am sure, have the candour to excuse my not having acknowledged, before this, the receipt of the very kind letter I had the honour of receiving from your Lordship, when I assure you that it reached me only the day before I quitted London, when I was in the midst of the bustle of shipping Lord Redesdale's and my own packages for Ireland; and what with the delays of travelling, and the contrary wind that we encountered on the passage, I did not land at Dublin till Saturday last. The death of Lord Kenyon has thrown us here into a state of great anxiety, as a strong report prevails that a totally new law arrangement will be the consequence of it; that Lord Eldon will retire to the King's Bench, and Lord Redesdale succeed to the Court of Chancery; however, as no letters of authority have been received in Dublin upon the subject, we are still in hopes that the report may prove to have originated without sufficient foundation. I need not assure your Lordship how much satisfaction I should derive from the society of a family who had been in such habits of friendship with my father, and how much flattered I am by the very kind attention shewn me by an invitation so grateful to my feelings, and which I hope, in

the course of the summer, to have an opportunity of accepting.

"Your Lordship's most sincere humble servant,
"HUGH REVELEY."*

"MY DEAR LORD BISHOP, Lord Chancellor's, Ely Place,
April 22nd, 1802.

"Our Lord Chancellor arrived last night after a tolerable passage. He hopes to have the pleasure of seeing your Lordship when you pass through Dublin; and desires to join with me in best compliments to yourself and Mrs. Percy.

"Your Lordship's most obedient servant,
"HUGH REVELEY."

Bishop PERCY to Lord REDESDALE.†

"MY DEAR LORD, Dromore House, May 8, 1802.

"I should not so long have delayed to offer my sincere congratulations on your Lordship's safe arrival in this kingdom, with every ardent wish and hope that you will enjoy uninterrupted health and happiness in it, but I had hoped to present the same in person in my way to England before this time; but I have the mortification to find that some professional business of consequence, which it was necessary should be settled before my departure, and which I had hoped would long since have been terminated, is most unexpectedly delayed by our Metropolitan, so as to make me apprehensive I shall not be able to take my seat at all in the present Parliament."

T. DROMORE.

HUGH REVELEY, Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD BISHOP, Dublin, 19th July, 1802.

"I beg leave to return you my most grateful thanks for the kind invitation you have again sent me; but, as the Chancellor is not released from any of his official duties by the conclusion of the Term, it is not in my power to have the pleasure of accepting it at present. The Court of Chancery will continue to sit till about the

* He was secretary to Lord Redesdale when Speaker, and also when Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

† Sir John Freeman Mitford, Solicitor-General, 1793; Attorney-General, 1799; Speaker of the House of Commons, 1801; Chancellor of Ireland, and created Baron Redesdale in 1802. He resigned his office in 1807, and died Jan. 16, 1830, aged 81. See memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* vol. C. i. p. 267. Of the Mitford family see *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. p. 840.

second week in August; but there are many other avocations which will probably detain Lord Redesdale for some time in the neighbourhood of Dublin. Mr. Wickham is not expected over immediately, and till he has seen him he can form no plan of operations for his summer's excursion. He has also just purchased a small estate called Belfield, near Kilmacud, the late residence of the Master of the Rolls: the situation is pleasant, well wooded, and commanding a view of the Bay, but the house is totally inadequate to accommodate his family; to arrange, therefore, the necessary improvements of his new purchase, will contribute to his confinement in this part of the world. I hope, however, he will be able to visit Dromore House in the autumn, when it will give me the greatest pleasure to pay my respects to your Lordship and Mrs. Percy, to whom I beg my best compliments. I have the honour to be, my dear Lord Bishop, your most obliged and sincere humble servant,

HUGH REVELEY."

MR. MALONE to Bishop PERCY.

"June 5, 1802.

"I have a strong recollection of having got, I know not how, some verses addressed by Goldsmith to a lady going to Ranelagh, or going to a masquerade, and of having given them to you for insertion;* but I do not find them anywhere.†

"In the beginning of this letter I quite forgot to thank you for the entertainment which Goldsmith's Life afforded me. I only lamented that there was not more of it. Surely I once read two or three more letters than we have in print. Have you any faith in the story that his sister tells of his giving a *dance* in college when he had not a shilling in the world; and of his excursion to the county of Cork, where we have a long story furnished by this lady without a single *name* or *date*? For my part I do not believe a word of either. They were mere inventions of the poet, to satisfy a whim of the moment. Why did not she name the Cork humourist,‡ who offered him the wooden horse? Give me but time, place, and names, and the genuineness or falsehood of any story may be easily ascertained."§

* These are unfortunately lost.

† Prior's Life of Goldsmith, II. 210.

‡ Ibid. I. p. 123. § Ibid. I. 126.

Bishop PERCY to Mr. MALONE.

" July [June] 18, 1802.

" Upon re-considering your last obliging letter of June 5th, I cannot concur in thinking that Mrs. Hodson's long story of Goldsmith's juvenile rambles is improbable because it is devoid of names and dates. It was at least forty years after the events that she wrote the account from memory; and it would have been very incredible that she should have given dates concerning which she probably did not inquire at the time, or names of persons whom she never knew."*

" July 13, 1802.

" Having reason to believe, by some strange irregularity in the post office, that both letters to and from me have miscarried, I begin to suspect that you never received mine of June 18th."†

Mr. MALONE to Bishop PERCY.

" July 20, 1802.

" I cannot recollect what I have done with the unpublished verses of Goldsmith, nor from whom I got them. They remained for a long while in the Irish edition of his Works, and are there no longer; so I suppose I have deposited them somewhere so *safely* that I shall never find them. One often loses things in this way, by too much care."‡

Bishop PERCY to Mr. HAWKINS BROWNE.

" Nov. 2, 1802.

" When I was last in England I applied to you in behalf of a poor niece of our excellent poet Dr. Goldsmith, the daughter of his brother, to whom he addressed his fine poem 'The Traveller,' thinking she was a proper object of some charity at your disposal.

" You then rectified my mistake in that particular, but most kindly offered to promote the sale of an edition of her uncle's Works, which I was then promoting for her benefit. This was published in 4 vols. 8vo. to which I contributed materials for an improved account of the

* Prior's Life of Goldsmith, I. 128.

† Ibid. II. 76.

‡ Ibid. II. 210.

author's life, and the publishers gave me 200 copies to be disposed of for the benefit of his poor relations."*

REV. DAVID RIVERS† to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

London, Oct. 2, 1802.

"Though personally unknown to your Lordship, I have presumed to solicit the honour of your Lordship's name as a subscriber to my proposed Translation of Saurin.

"In an anonymous work of mine entitled 'Literary Memoirs of Living Authors,' 2 vols. 8vo. 1798, I did myself the honour of paying an imperfect and trifling tribute to the high and exalted talents which have distinguished your Lordship in the literary world. As a literary man whose productions have met with some applause, whose sole dependence rests upon his industrious exertions, and who (with a wife and family) is struggling with many difficulties, I flatter myself that your Lordship, so conspicuously eminent for your munificent patronage of literature, will condescend to honour with your notice this humble effort. I have about 70 subscribers, among whom are the Bishops of Chichester, Winchester, and Worcester, Mr. Jerningham the poet, and several other literary characters. I have the honour to be, my Lord, your Lordship's obedient humble servant,

"D. RIVERS."

"To the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Dromore.

Bishop PERCY to the Rev. D. RIVERS.

"SIR,

Dromore House, Oct. 30, 1802.

"Although I never saw nor heard of your 'Literary Memoirs,' &c. (owing probably to my remote residence here), I shall with great pleasure subscribe to your proposed volumes of Saurin's Sermons in English, having always admired the originals. I am, Sir, your obedient humble servant,

"THOS. DROMORE."

* From the original in possession of Miss Boddington. See Prior's Life of Goldsmith, II. 563.

† Formerly a Dissenting Minister. He published in 1798 the "Literary Memoirs of Living Authors," in which work (vol. II. p. 202) is a list of his own publications.

1803.

THOMAS CALDECOTT, * Esq. to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Temple, March 21, 1803.

"An old respect for your Lordship, of an earlier date than my personal knowledge of you, and pursuits somewhat congenial to those of your lighter studies, have induced me to present you with the unpublished part of Mr. Warton's History of Poetry, and to persuade myself that it might prove not unacceptable. It is so far only valuable, as it might not otherwise have fallen into your hands, or would not have come there so early. On all accounts we must lament that at so interesting a period the work is left in so imperfect a state, and particularly that his labours should have been discontinued for the last seven years of his life, from a dread of the animadversions of that scurrilous miscreant who has newly done your Lordship the honour of enrolling you amongst those (whom it is very right and fit that one of his spirit and character should proscribe) the honest (see his repeated abuse of 'honest Tom Warton'), and the ingenious, his King, and his God.

"I am, my Lord, your Lordship's very humble servant,
"THO. CALDECOTT."

* Thomas Caldecott, esq. of Dartford, Kent, and of the Middle Temple, barrister-at-law. He was formerly Fellow of New College, Oxford, where he took the degree of B.C.L. in 1770; and was for many years an eminent counsel on the Oxford circuit. He published in two volumes 4to. Reports of Cases relative to the Duty and Office of a Justice of the Peace, from 1776 to 1785; forming a continuation of Sir James Burrow's Reports. He died at Dartford about May or June 1833. Mr. Caldecott was a great collector of books, which amusement he began at an early period of his life. He enriched his collection from the libraries of James West, Thomas Pearson, Dr. Farmer, and G. Steevens, &c. and was for many years a frequent purchaser at sales of much that was rare and valuable. "Of late years Mr. Caldecott rarely made his appearance in the auction-room. His figure and manner were at once striking. Extreme shortness of vision induced him always to carry a glass, which, in the studied absence of spectacles, was placed close to the eye. His head was slightly bent on one side during the use of this glass; and he seemed to be as lively and intent upon 'men and things' before him as the youngest in the room. His critical epithets upon the old school of the Shakespeare-commentators were unsparing and vituperative; especially upon Steevens and Malone, denoting the former to be 'an ass,' and the latter 'a fool.' At length came out the nonpareil specimen of his own Shakespeare, in a volume comprising 'As you like it' and 'Hamlet.' This labour of nearly half a century's meditation no sooner made its appearance, than the mouse was recognized as the result of the mountain throe; and the parent was never induced to add to his still-born offspring." Dr. Dibdin, in *Gent. Mag.* Jan. 1834, p. 59, where will be found an account of the sale of Mr. Caldecott's Library (pp. 69, 195, 284,) with a list of the prices of many of the rare articles, with remarks thereon by Dr. Dibdin.

TO THOMAS CALDECOTT, Esq.

"DEAR SIR,

Dromore House, Aug. 17, 1803.

"I fear I must have appeared extremely ungrateful and undeserving of one of the most obliging letters and present I ever received, in having so long delayed my acknowledgments of yours of March 21, 1803, accompanied with T. Warton's unpublished sheets, but I do assure you I never received nor had the least notice of them till they were there brought me by Mrs. Isted; for whose long-expected visit to Ireland they had been delayed, I presume, from the time you delivered them. I was exceedingly shocked when I observed the date of your letter, and should have explained the cause of my silence by the first post after I received it, but, as I thought you would be then upon the circuit, I was unwilling to obtrude my answer, when every moment of your time must be of the highest value.

"Nothing can be more flattering to me, than to find that the amusements of my early years had engaged the attention of men of genius and learning; and the specimens which you have shown me, and the conversation I had the pleasure to enjoy with you, had convinced me of what you now confess, that you had a taste for similar pursuits; but, alas! I fear I must give up these amusements myself, from a violent complaint in my eyes, which has affected them for more than a year past, and prevents me from examining any writings critically. This now compels me to use the pen of a secretary, which I hope you will excuse.

"I certainly think with you, that the personal abuse of poor mad Ritson was the highest honour he could do me, and can only regret that it deprived us of the ingenious labours of 'honest Tom Warton.' I assure you it would have had no such influence on me; for his assertion that my Nephew never saw one word of the Advertisement to which he set his name, and that the original editor had invented all the different pieces which he published as extracted from an old MS. which never existed, could only be exceeded by the frenzy in which he died. In his Dissertation to the Metrical Romances are malicious assertions and insinuations equally unfounded, which I should not condescend to notice, but for the kind interest you express for me in your letter.

"I cannot conclude this letter without congratulating

you on the promotion of your friend Dr. Butson,* whose see I wish were contiguous to mine. I cannot but regret that they lie so remote as to afford me little chance of the pleasure of seeing him, otherwise our mutual acquaintance with you would be a frequent subject of agreeable conversation. Should you see Mr. Wigley,† I desire you will present my best respects to him, and assure him that the happiness of him and his family is the constant subject of all our best wishes.

“I am, &c.

T. DROMORE.”

Lady DALRYMPLE ‡ to Bishop PERCY.

“MY LORD,

Newhailes, Aug. 6, 1803.

“Situating as I have been for these last eight months, five of which have been spent in painful and fruitless anxiety about the health of a beloved child, and the last three in mourning her death, your Lordship, I am sure, will require no other apology from me at least, for my seeming neglect of your request. But even this I can acquit myself of, if frequently mentioning my wish to the gentleman who was employed in the business, that he would lose no time in forwarding the letters as you directed, can be an acquittal.

“Upon receiving a card from Dr. Anderson yesterday, I repeated my earnest request to the gentleman concerned, that he would without delay give the papers to Dr. Anderson, which he faithfully promised to do; and I hope they will reach your Lordship as soon as this letter.

“I think it but fair however to own, that the cause of this delay has been Mr. Thomson § wishing to take copies of the letters, for the purpose, I understand, of ascertaining dates; and I doubt not a wish also to retain in the family a series of entertaining and instructive letters. I mentioned to Mr. Thomson my opinion, that no one had a right to publish any part of a private correspondence without the permission of the writer, in which I understand he agrees with me, and I trust he will keep that rule in view, if ever he accomplishes his wish, of writing a Pre-

* Dr. Christopher Butson, Dean of Waterford 1783, Bishop of Clonfert in 1804, which see was in 1834 united to Killaloe. He died at Bath, March 22, 1836, aged 88. A memoir of him is given in *Gent. Mag.* N. S. vol. V. p. 659.

† See *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. p. 22.

‡ See a previous letter of Lady Hailes to Bp. Percy on the same subject in vol. VII. p. 108.

§ Probably Mr. Alexander Thomson. See before, p. 343.

face to a complete publication of Lord Hailes's works ; in which I suspect he will find difficulties not easily to be overcome :—an uncommon scarcity of dates is one, and the even and retired tenor of Lord Hailes's life is another ; which gives little to say, but what his own works will say for him.

“Your Lordship mentions to Dr. Anderson your wish to make some compensation for the answer to your request, which indeed has been complied with in so tardy and ungraceful a manner, that I think it deserves none. In answer to a former request of mine, for any of Lord Hailes's letters you might have by you, I recollect that you said a great many of them had been lost in the fire in Northumberland House, but you was so good as to say, that if any still remain you would transmit them ; if that can be done, it will be esteemed a favour by your Lordship's humble servant, HELEN DALRYMPLE.”

Sir WM. FORBES * to Bishop PERCY.

“MY LORD,

Edinburgh, Nov. 23, 1803.

“Although a good many years have elapsed since I have had the honour of meeting your Lordship (I think the last time was at Tunbridge Wells), I hope I have not altogether slipt out of your remembrance. I therefore presume to intrude myself on your Lordship's recollection, for the purpose of requesting the following favour.

“Perhaps your Lordship may have heard of the death of Dr. Beattie, who with many valuable good qualities possessed no ordinary genius, both as a poet and philosopher. Having done me the honour to appoint me one of his executors, I have felt a duty imposed on me to pay attention to his posthumous fame ; with which view, a new and uniform edition of his works in prose and verse is to be published, and I have been induced, from some peculiar circumstances, to undertake to write his Life ; for which I have some advantages, from the intimate friendship and constant correspondence that subsisted between us, for almost forty years.

“With this view, besides the papers and letters that were in his own possession, and which are now in my hands as his executor, I am collecting such of his letters

* This distinguished man was a member of the celebrated Literary Club with Dr. Johnson, Reynolds, Garrick, Burke, and Bp. Percy. His Life of his friend Dr. Beattie (noticed in the above letter) gained him great credit. He died Nov. 10, 1806. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* vol. LXXVI. p. 1249.

as have been preserved by those friends with whom he corresponded. As I know Dr. Beattie was honoured with your Lordship's acquaintance, I think it probable he may have occasionally written to you; as he says in the Preface to his 'Minstrel,' that he took the first hint of that beautiful poem from your Lordship's valuable publication of *Antient Ballads*.*

"If you have received any of Dr. Beattie's letters, I shall be singularly obliged to you if you will have the goodness to send them to me, as they may very materially tend to elucidate some parts of his life and writings. I hope your Lordship will have the goodness to pardon the liberty I now take, from the consideration of my wish of doing all the justice in my power to the arduous task I have undertaken.

"I remain, with much respect, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient servant,
 "WILLIAM FORBES."

THOMAS PARK,† Esq. to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

High Street, Marybonne,
 November 5, 1803.

"I have the pleasure of transmitting to your Lordship a transcript of what may be deemed blank verse, from Shelton's translation of *Don Quixote* in 1652. The book is not in my possession, or the transcript should sooner have been made; but I happened to meet with a copy of it yesterday in the library of a friend, and seized the immediate occasion of transferring the verses to paper. Should any others occur in the same volume, on a more deliberate inspection, they shall be duly communicated.

"Your Lordship will perceive, from the last *Gentleman's Magazine*, that the literary calumniator of his time is at rest with his forefathers: 'Peace to his perturbed spirit!' From his '*Bibliographia Poetica*' your Lordship will also perceive that I took an active share in the completion of that work. Uncongenial as were the compiler and myself in our sentiments and habits, in our principles and practice,—in our pursuits we sometimes approximated: and after a casual interview at the house of Francis Douce, Esq. in Gower Street, I was solicited by the Bibliographer to look over and freely to correct his MS. This I did twice, and contributed so much to the accuracy and to the enlargement of it, that he declared he should consider

* This is omitted in the Preface to the later editions.—J. M.

† Of Mr. T. Park, see *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII, pp. 95, 183.

half his share of any eventual profits which might accrue from the publication, as mine. After this voluntary declaration, however, he never sent me a single printed copy of the work; and I am solely indebted to his bookseller for such a mark of attention. Persevering in my endeavours to aid his similar pursuits, I looked with the same critical eye over his '*Bibliotheca Scotica*;' and the recompense for all my labour was—a charge, angry as unfounded, that I had made a knavish alteration in the interlineation of a title-page!! Here closed the account current of our literary intercourse; and I since learn that the morbid temperament of his mind daily increased, till it terminated in delirium!—a close, however melancholy and pitiable, which has formed the only apology that could be suggested for a life passed in self-created enmity with all mankind. I ought to apologize perhaps to your Lordship for introducing so much on such an ungracious subject, but I was willing that the nature of the literary association between the late Hypercritic and myself should be clearly understood.

"With many thanks for the information respecting Dr. Anderson, I remain, my Lord, your Lordship's respectful humble servant,

"THO. PARK."

"MY LORD,

January 21, 1804.

"In consequence of having removed from High Street to No. 11, Durweston Street, Portman Square, your Lordship's late letter did not reach me so soon as it ought to have done, and was very near not reaching me at all; which I should have seriously regretted, as it contains such flattering testimonies of kindness and good-will. I feel myself particularly obliged by the proffer of copies from your Lordship's valuable collection of metrical romances, for the purpose of completing Ritson's series; but, while I thankfully acknowledge the favour, I must hesitate to avail myself of it, for two very cogent reasons. One is, that I think Ritson's plan injudicious, and his execution of it repulsive; whence his book is likely to prove unsaleable. The other is, that my highly-esteemed and respected friend, Mr. George Ellis,* is preparing for publication a general analysis of early English metrical romances, intermingled with extracts from the ancient copies, which are curious for the illustration of manners, metre, or language, and which will certainly prove, like

* Of George Ellis, see *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. p. 602.

his *Specimens of our lyric poesy*, a popular book. I shall have no hesitation, however, in contributing to aid your Lordship's future plans on the subjects of Surrey and blank verse; and I shall have pleasure in adding to the latter, a copy of Queen Elizabeth's translation from one of the choruses in the *Hercules Ætæus* of Seneca, which has been transcribed for my projected edition of Lord Orford's '*Royal and Noble Authors*,' by Richard Heber,* esq. of Brazenose College, Oxford. From this gentleman, all that I have heard of Ritson's waning life was gathered: the most striking circumstance in which occurred on a visit to Gray's Inn, two days after delirium commenced. Ritson seemed to notice and to recollect him, but desired to waive much conversation at that time, as he was busily engaged in constructing a mansion for his future residence, the plan of which was then lying before him. Mr. Heber had the curiosity to look at what he called the *plan*:—and, lo! it was the view of *Crazy Castle*, prefixed to Hall's '*Crazy Tales*.' His MSS. were not all destroyed by conflagration, though some of them appear to have perished, and among those, what Mr. Ellis much regrets, his minute investigations into our early national history. His notes on the edition of Shakspeare, published in 1793, which had been fairly written out at the desire of Mr. Steevens, but which he would not communicate to Mr. Reed, sold for one hundred guineas to Longman and Rees, who doubtless intend to print the whole: Mr. Steevens would probably have inserted only half.

"I do not hear any rumour that Mr. Astle's MSS.† are designed for public sale, but, should I do so, your Lordship may rely on being apprised of such report by

"Your much obliged servant,

THO. PARK."

1804.

MICHAEL WODHULL,‡ Esq. to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Thenford, near Banbury,
September, 1804.

"For the last three years I have been much occupied in examining various errors in the volume of Poems your

* This very eminent Bibliomaniac, the Atticus of Dr. Dibdin, died Oct. 4, 1834, aged 61. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* N. S. vol. I. pp. 105; 196. And of the sale of his enormous collection of books, *ibid.* 62, 196; vol. III. 79, 195; V. 78, 112. Also, see Dibdin's *Reminiscences*, pp. 431—447.

† Mr. Astle's MSS. are deposited in the Duke of Buckingham's Library at Stowe. See also *Anecdotes*, III. 203.

‡ Michael Wodhull was a gentleman of large fortune, great benevolence, and extensive learning. He died Nov. 10, 1816; and a very full and just

Lordship did me the honour of accepting in 1772, not forgetting the additions I had made to it in 1798. Speaking of Dr. Darwin, I alluded to the fair prospect which dawned on Ireland soon after 1782, when he wrote, being clouded over at the distance of sixteen years; but on this being thought offensive, I was glad to remove it, as instead of conveying any compliment it tended to derogate from the Doctor's claim to the title of 'Vates' in its extended sense. Mr. Archdeacon Daubeny's calling what I have said of Scotch Nonjurors an 'untruth,' and refusing to retract the charge, would have given me the greatest uneasiness, had not the Act of Parliament, on being referred to, declared that 'their Letters of Orders shall not be deemed sufficient to be registered, and shall be (though registered) void to all intents.'

"An attentive revisal of this volume has been an agreeable occupation to me, under an infirm state of health; if any part of it can afford your Lordship the smallest amusement, I shall think myself highly gratified. I am, with great regard, my Lord,

"Your Lordship's most obedient servant,

"M. WODHULL."

1805.

Bp. PORTEUS to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

London, January 23, 1805.

"I had the honour of your Lordship's of January 15, with one inclosed for Bishop Skinner, which I forwarded to him.

"I am very sorry that the complaint in your eyes increases, and prevents you from publishing your thoughts on the argument which you think arises in favour of the Mosaic account of the common origin of Man, from that very curious *variety* of the human species, the porcupine man and his descendants. When I leave this busy town, and the endless occupations in which it involves me, and retire again to Fulham, I hope in the spring, I shall be very glad to see the materials you have collected, which I shall then probably have leisure to peruse with care. But I should be still more gratified to see them in print, digested by some learned friend of yours under your

account of him will be found in the Gent. Mag. vol. LXXXVI. ii. pp. 463, 564. The character of Orlando in Dr. Dibdin's Bibliomania has been attributed to Mr. Wodhull (see it in Gent. Mag. 1816, ii. 464). He was a frequent correspondent of the Gentleman's Magazine, chiefly under the final letters of his name, L.L. See notices of him in Literary Anecdotes, III. 128; VII. 474, 715; and Baker's Northamptonshire, vol. i. p. 711.

inspection and direction, which I should think it would be no difficult matter to accomplish.

"I will communicate what you say respecting the date of St. Matthew's Gospel to my friend the Bishop of Lincoln, who happens to dine with me this very day.

"If you was at all acquainted with Archbishop Moore,* who was a very amiable and worthy man, you would be concerned to hear of his death. No successor is yet appointed, but it will probably be either the Bishop of Lincoln† or the Bishop of Norwich.‡

"Sincerely wishing some relief to your eyes, I remain,
your faithful servant, "B. LONDON."

"MY LORD,

Rington, Somersetshire, Aug. 7, 1805.

"Your Lordship's letter, with its inclosure, was forwarded to me here, where I am on a visit to a friend.

"The account of the porcupine race of porcupine men is, undoubtedly, a very curious one, and evidently tends to confirm the Mosaic account of the origin of mankind from one common parent. It will be easy to ascertain the date of Edward Lambert's interment at Newport Pagnel. The difficulty will be to find out William Lambert, and his children, and to meet with some physician in the place where he lives who is both skilful in his profession and a believer in the Christian religion, who will take the trouble to examine the man and his children accurately, and make a faithful report of their case, with a view of doing service to the cause of religion.

"It will be near a month, I believe, before I return to Fulham; and I shall not stay long there before I go into Kent for five or six weeks. If it please God to give me life and health to fix there again in November, I will try whether I can find any one disposed and well qualified to pursue this interesting inquiry, and, if I should succeed, will take care to acquaint you with the result.

"I sincerely wish you a speedy amendment of your sight. You have a fellow-sufferer in our excellent King, who bears his misfortune with a truly Christian patience and resignation, and is, I hope, in a fair way of recovering his eyes by the operation of couching. B. LONDON."

* Of Archbishop Moore, see *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. p. 449.

† Sir George Pretymann, D.D. Bishop of Lincoln 1787. He took the name of Tomline in 1803; was promoted to Winchester in 1820; and died November 14, 1827, aged 77. See a memoir and portrait of him in *Gent. Mag.* for March 1828.

‡ Dr. Sutton. He was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury. See p. 298.

Sir WILLIAM SCOTT to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD, *received from your Lordship and* May 2, 1805.

"I have to acknowledge the favour of your Lordship's communication respecting the Catholic Petition. It gave me great pleasure to hear of your Lordship's health and welfare; and I was glad to receive, at the same time, a testimony of your regard to those principles which I hope will for ever influence the minds of all respectable individuals in both countries. There is, I believe, but little doubt about the fate of this present attempt,—there is no chance of its success; but, I am sorry to say, that we may see times in which a different fortune may attend a similar attempt. The times may, perhaps, be not very distant when the combined efforts of good men may not be able to counteract it.

"The private case which your Lordship transmits to me is very sufficiently provoking. The insolence of the party merits severe chastisement; and, if I did not feel a great repugnance to engage your Lordship in the vexation and expense of a suit, I should recommend the institution of a suit in the Ecclesiastical Court against him for uncanonical and irreverent behaviour to his Ordinary. I am strongly of opinion that he might be articted against in the court for this offence; and might be punished by monition, and suspension *ab officio et beneficio* for a time, and the costs of the proceeding. But really, when I reflect that your Lordship may be impounded in one court or other for the remaining years of your valuable life, and that the last court to which the matter may travel is, in your country, composed solely of gentlemen of the common law, I cannot recommend it. I think, that, unpleasant as it is to give way to any man's impudence, and particularly the impudence of any man who owes reverence and obedience, it is rather more advisable than to embark publicly in a contest which may, in its progress, be productive of much occasional uneasiness to you, and the final result of which is rather more doubtful, from the circumstance I have alluded to, than it would be in this country. I am very sensible that the example might be useful to public discipline, but I fear that your Lordship might make too severe a sacrifice of your own quiet in procuring it, than could be fairly expected. As to any proceeding at the common law, I am afraid that it could not be encouraged with any hope of final success;

but, upon that point, your Lordship can be better informed by gentlemen of that profession.

"Our Club has been well attended this winter. A great ferment prevails on the subject of Lord Melville's misconduct, and it is impossible to say what may not arise out of it. His Majesty continues in good health and excellent spirits, and long may they last! WM. SCOTT."

MALCOLM LAING, Esq. to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Edinburgh, June 14, 1805.

"I avail myself of the opportunity of Dr. Traill's* returning to Ireland to transmit to your Lordship a copy of the new edition of Ossian. At the same time, I beg leave to return my sincere and grateful acknowledgments for the very valuable and important communications which I obtained from your Lordship through the intervention of Dr. Anderson. I have endeavoured to adopt not only the ideas, but, as nearly as possible, the precise expressions which your Lordship suggested; and I can only regret, that the limits to which I was confined have prevented me from introducing more of that important communication into my Preface. I allude particularly to the curious passage from Taylor the water-poet, which I still hope to insert as a note in a subsequent edition, if Macpherson's Poems should survive the controversy. The moderation and charity which your Lordship has observed towards Sir John Macpherson, have taught me to soften many other passages and expressions in my Preface, which, however true, might have been too severe.

"In the 89th and 333rd pages of the second volume, an early publication of your Lordship's ('Five Pieces of Runic Poetry') has furnished me with two curious detections of Macpherson's imitations. If the controversy should continue, I shall probably publish, as a small Appendix to this edition, the originals and translations of such ballads as have actually been found in the Highlands, under the

* Dr. Trail, Chancellor of the Cathedral of Connor, F.R.S. Edin. and M.R.I.A., was son of Dr. James Trail, Bp. of Down and Connor from 1765 to 1783. He was for some time Professor of Mathematics of Glasgow, succeeding Robt. Simpson, M.D. the Editor of Euclid, whose Life he published in 1812, 4to. Dr. Trail was also Editor of the Porisms of Pappus, and other mathematical works; and his unaffected piety, unostentatious charity, and urbanity of manners, ensured him the esteem of all who knew him. He married at Edinburgh, April 29, 1799, Lady Frances Chatteris, daughter of the Earl of Wemyss and March. Fifty Letters of Dr. Trail to Bp. Percy were sold at Sotheby's, July 20, 1835. He died at Bath, Feb. 3, 1831, aged 84.

designation of Ossian's Poems. I have the honour to be,
your Lordship's most obedient servant,

"MALCOLM LAING."

LUKE AYLMER CONOLLY, Esq.* to Bp. PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Bally Castle, September 10, 1805.

"Encouraged by the approbation of some literary gentlemen, I am about to publish a Collection of Poetic Tales, a few of which were honoured with Academic Medals; and the purport of this letter is to entreat that they may be dedicated to the Author of Ancient British Relics, whose name shall ever be esteemed while poetry and taste have an admirer. The work is to be published in London about the middle of next December; and, while I should feel a grateful pride in being sanctioned by the most accomplished literary character in Ireland, I, at the same time, presume to hope that the collection will not be found unworthy that sanction.

"When your Lordship can find it convenient to signify your intentions, you will please to direct to Mr. Conolly, Bally Castle, county Antrim.

"With profound respect, I have the honour to be, my Lord, your Lordship's most humble servant,

"LUKE AYLMER CONOLLY."

1807.

Dr. GEORGE SOMERS CLARKE† to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Waltham, Chelmsford, Feb. 7, 1807.

"Your Lordship, it is possible, may recollect me ten years ago at Parkgate; since when I have been engaged

* Author of "The Friar's Tale, or Memoirs of the Chevalier Orsino, a novel; with other Tales. 1805." 2 vols.

† George Somers Clarke, D.D. Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, and Vicar of Great Waltham, Essex. He published "Œdipus, King of Thebes, a Tragedy, from the Greek of Sophocles: translated into prose, with notes critical and explanatory. 1791." 8vo. "Verses on the Installation of the Duke of Portland, Chancellor of Oxford. 1793." 4to. "The Church of England incompletely reformed, a Fast Sermon, Feb. 17, 1808." 8vo. "The Everlasting Fire of the Athanasian Creed; preached on the Sunday after Ascension Day, 1808. Dedicated to the Rev. Francis Stone, M.A. rector of Cold Norton, and his Prosecutors." 8vo. (See Monthly Review, LIX. 221). "Hebrew Criticism and Poetry, or the Patriarchal Blessings of Isaac and of Jacob metrically analysed and translated; with Appendices of Readings and Interpretations of the four *greater* Prophets, interspersed with metrical translation and composition; and with a Catena of the Prophecies of Balaam and Habákuk, of the Songs of Debórah and Hannah, and of the Lamentations of David over Saul, Jonathan, and Abner, metrically translated; also with the Table of First Lessons for Sundays, pagéd, with references. 1810." 8vo. (Monthly Review, LXVI. 21—33, 152—164).

in the vicarage then expected, in settling the tithes by law, and in educating my son, not yet nine years of age; whom, as it was not in my power to send him to such schools as pleased me, I undertook to teach in the Hebrew rather than in the translation of the Bible. A study, therefore, commenced indeed at school, but which there and ever after had been opposed by the difficulty of the points, I resumed with such books as in the University had been provided by me for my future residence in the country: but, as the points, which had been difficult to myself, seemed insuperable to a boy, and a copy of a very short English-Hebrew grammar was in my possession, I determined to reject the points, and to follow the antemasoretic text (is it not so called?)

“My having no friend that to my knowledge is acquainted with Hebrew will, I hope, plead my apology with your Lordship for this liberty. My son and self have been at the business about two years; first went through the Psalms three times, and since, in Forster’s edition, have passed regularly as far as Jeremiah (in expectation of Dr. Blayney’s assistance every day), having been much detained by Isaiah, whom we could not leave without a repeated perusal: nor can I quit him yet; for with Bishop Lowth and the Unitarian Mr. Dodson, or the Layman, before me, I have nearly covered the margin of the latter with annotations, having made, as appears to me, many and great discoveries; which when my printer, who is not Erasmus’s a sheet a day, will allow, it is my intention to publish.

“I can scarcely be mistaken in addressing your Lordship as the Hebrew scholar, Bishop of Dromore, whom Dr. Blayney mentions, and as translator of the ‘Song of Songs.’ I am only apprehensive of taking a liberty similar to that of introducing myself to your Lordship at Parkgate.

“Archbishop Secker and Bishop Lowth must have known, your Lordship also surely must know, all that I have discovered in Isaiah; but which they did not disclose. In the use of every mean of obtaining a right understanding of the prophet, it has been my wish not to be inferior even to those great men. A discovery, truly distressing to myself, I seem to have made:—Is not Isaiah consistent? throughout intermixing prophecies of captivity and restoration? using this method of calling to repentance and conversion during the four different reigns,

particularly the two latter? and even *confining himself* to this *temporal* subject in its two branches? as Origen's Jew (quoted from Origen by Bishop Lowth, Notes on Isaiah, p. 327, ed. 1795), replied, that the Prophecy, chap. liii. 1—12, 'did not mean one man, but one people, the Jews,' &c. Must then the citations by our Lord and his Apostles be only accommodations of Isaiah's single-viewed prophecies, or must we continue to insist on the double sense? May we say, that *πληρώω* is a Jewish-Greek translation of the Syriac, and signifies, fully to declare, or speak out, by application or accommodation? or, that only a part of the words quoted was fulfilled? as Matthew xii. 17, 'He charged them not to make him known,' might occasion the citation from Isaiah xlii. 1, for the sake of, 'Neither shall he cause to be heard in public his voice.' Or that zealous converts from Judaism to Christianity interpolated the Gospels with citations from the LXX. and not even understanding the original, or at least the antemasoretic, text of the Old Testament?

"For any communications on these matters to such young Hebrew scholars as my son and self, we shall esteem ourselves much obliged to your Lordship: as without them we may think it our duty to publish to procure discussion and conviction.

"A copy of my 'Metrical Translation, &c. of the Patriarchal Blessings' I will request the favour of your Lordship to accept, at Mr. White's, Fleet-street, when out.

"I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient and humble servant,
GEO. SOMERS CLARKE."

Bishop PERCY to Dr. G. SOMERS CLARKE.

"Feb. 26, 1807.

"The Bishop of Dromore was duly favoured with Dr. Clarke's obliging letter, but with deep regret he is obliged to inform him that he is prevented from entering into a proper investigation of the important subject of it by a failure of sight, which has long been coming on, and is nearly arrived at total blindness.

"If the Bishop rightly understands him, the principal difficulty that has occurred to Dr. Clarke was how to extend what appeared to be the first and perhaps temporary meaning of the Prophet to future and more sublime applications; but it is allowed to have been the general tendency

of the inspired writers to make present local subjects the types and means of conveying the most important revelations of universal concern. Under his present deprivation this is all that the Bishop can say on the subject. Perhaps Dr. C. has not yet seen a new Translation of the Prophecy of Isaiah, lately published in London by Dr. Stock,* Bishop of Killala in Ireland, on which a series of strictures in a critical examination of the whole Version appeared in two late numbers of the British Critic.† The Doctor's learned work has not yet reached this remote part of Ireland, and Dromore is too distant from Dublin, where the author resides, to have indulged him with any personal communication relating to it.

"The Bishop is much obliged to Dr. Clarke for his kind intended present of his 'Metrical Version of the Patriarchal Blessings,' and, whenever he can have it brought over, doubts not but he shall receive great pleasure by hearing it read to him, though he fears it will not be soon, and that he shall not then be able fully to appreciate the merit of the work for the reasons above mentioned.

"Before he closes this correspondence, he must make one remark on that part of Dr. Clarke's Letter wherein he seems to justify the rejecting vowel points. These are certainly not of the same authority as the text, but they are a most ancient and valuable commentary, of the greatest use for its elucidation, and without them the text becomes a mere nose of wax. Although the Hutchinsonians insinuate that it was intended or applied to obscure the Prophecies of Christ, &c., the contrary is very apparent in that important prediction, Genesis, chap. xlix. verse 10, where the union of the two Hebrew words which express *until* is only effected by the masoretic points, and without them these would become two disunited independent words. Then, instead of limiting the Prophecy to Christ, it would favour the Jewish opinion that their temporal dominion was to extend to the end of the world, and the literal version would be, 'The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, &c. *for ever, for Shiloh shall come,*' &c.

"Although the Bishop cannot desire Dr. Clarke to waste his valuable time in a correspondence which the Bishop from his loss of sight is so unable to support, he entreats the favour of one short billet to give him the titles and dates of the two books he mentions, viz. of the Unitarian Dodson, and of Dr. Blayney, who he says has

* See p. 257. † See British Critic, XXVIII. 465, 608; XXIX. 134.

mentioned the Translation of the Song of Songs, neither of which at present occur to the Bishop's memory; whose best wishes of health and happiness sincerely attend Dr. Clarke and his very promising little son, who has made so extraordinary a progress at nine years old.

"Any letter directed to the Bishop at Dromore, may be inclosed under cover to Sir Richard Musgrave, Bart. at the Custom House, Dublin."

Dr. GEORGE SOMERS CLARKE to Bishop PERCY.

"Waltham, Chelmsford, March 6, 1807.

"Dr. Clarke returns his respectful compliments with many thanks to the Bishop of Dromore, for his Lordship's most obliging communications; but is unable to express sufficiently his concern for the Bishop's affliction.

"It was in Dr. Blayney's Preface to his Dissertation on Daniel's Seventy Weeks, that Dr. Clarke read the mention of the Bishop of Dromore; and also in the 'Song of Songs, translated, with Notes critical and explanatory, by John Mason Good,* 1803,' who expresses great respect to his Lordship, and quotes in ancient and modern languages, particularly the Oriental, as Syriac, Arabic, Persian, and Ethiopic; to which also his printers (Wilks and Taylor, Chancery Lane,) have furnished appropriate types.

"The Bishop of Killala's† translation of Isaiah Dr. Clarke has only seen reviewed in the Monthly Review; but he did not think that his own plan was superseded by it.

"Dr. Clarke has only Bythner's 'Lyre' and Buxtorf's eighth edition of Lex. Hebr. and Chald. small 8vo.: but having, in Dr. Blayney, or Mr. Peters, or somewhere, read, that the word which closes the fifth verse of the ninth Psalm (e.g.) signifies *and unto*, implying the omitted repetition of *hidden time*, which preceded, he could not readily be induced to render the same word, in any place, and without its connecting particles, *eternity* or *for ever*, neither in Gen. xlix. 10, nor in Isaiah ix. 5; in which last passage he humbly conceives, because he knows not his predecessor in the opinion, that the word refers to the first and third in the original of ch. viii. ver. 2, and the second of both ver. 16 and ver. 20.

"When Dr. Clarke presumed, ten years ago, to intro-

* Dr. John Mason Good. He died Jan. 2, 1827, aged 62. See memoir of him in Gent. Mag. XCVII. i. 276. Also, "Memoirs of his Life, Writings, and Character; by Dr. Olinthus Gregory," 1828; reviewed in Gent. Mag. XCVIII. ii. 435.

† Dr. Stock; see p. 386.

duce himself to the Bishop of Dromore upon the shore of Parkgate, he had then only learned Hebrew with points in Bythner, twenty-five years before, at Merchant Taylors' School in London; but, not finding the study in much request in the University, he had not pursued it. But Dr. Clarke possessed, and had derived great pleasure from, some early work of his Lordship, and is now sensible of further obligation.

"It may possibly as yet be news, and not unacceptable to the Bishop, to be informed, that the Unitarian Society at a general meeting, Jan. 8th last, subscribed nearly 400*l.* to put to press '*an improved version of the New Testament,*' on the basis of Abp. Newcome's version, '*with no other variations than such as may appear to be necessary.*' Their impression is to be 5000 copies, calculated expense 700*l.*; but they had resolved to go to press as soon as 300*l.* only had been raised. This therefore was done; by Lindsey, 50*l.*; Duke of Grafton, 50 guineas; S. Prime, 50 guineas; Dr. Disney, 20 guineas; London Unitarian Society, 100*l.*; Southern ditto, 50*l.*

"Dr. Clarke wishes he could return further gratification to the Bishop of Dromore, to whom he prays God to grant all the health and all the consolation which he sincerely desires his Lordship may enjoy during the unhappy deprivation."

Bp. BARRINGTON to Bishop PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD,

Cavendish Square, Feb. 9, 1807.

"The accompanying inclosure comes from a Dr. Clarke, with a request that I would forward it to your Lordship.

"Though a long period has elapsed since we met, yet I can with truth assure you it has not obliterated the remembrance of those days when we lived in the happy society of my two most valuable friends, Tyrwhitt and Cracherode. I continue to feel an interest in your Lordship's welfare.

"I am, my dear Lord, with true regard, your faithful servant,

S. DUNELM."

"Cavendish Square, May 19, 1808.

"The Bishop of Durham feels much satisfaction in acquainting his old and valuable friend, the Bishop of Dromore, that the error of which he justly complains in the 30th Report,* in the edition which had been commu-

* Report of the Society for bettering the Condition of the Poor.

nicated to him, has been corrected in a subsequent one. The written account which accompanied the printed paper to which the Bishop of Dromore alludes, is, as the Bishop of Durham apprehends, at his house in Oxfordshire, where he hopes to be by the beginning of next month. If he be as successful as he hopes to be in his search, the Bishop of Dromore may depend on having the paper restored. Of Dr. Milner's inclination to do as much mischief as he can, no person acquainted with his character and writings can entertain a doubt. If Lord G.* and his political friends would leave the Irish Roman Catholics to themselves, and not urge them to demand what they know Parliament will not and should not grant, we should be more at ease on both sides of St. George's Channel. What the ministers mean to do when the subject is agitated, I profess myself ignorant; but I trust they will get rid of it, not as they did before by a previous question, but by a decided negative. By such a measure the hopes of that body will be extinguished; by the other they will be kept alive.

"The Bishop of Durham assures the Bishop of Dromore that he has not, and shall not forget the pleasant days which they passed together in the society of their two common and excellent friends, Tyrwhitt and Crachode; and shall be truly happy in any circumstance which may induce the Bishop of Dromore to revisit his native land."

Bishop TOMLINE to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, Lymington, May 21, 1807.

"I waited to recover my right of franking before I answered your Lordship's letter, and I now take the earliest opportunity in my power of informing you that I signed the Thurmaston Memorial before I left town about a month since, and that my secretary gave proper directions respecting it. I hope, therefore, that the business is in a fair way to be completed to your satisfaction.

"I was very glad to have Dr. Percy one of my clergy, and had great pleasure in showing civility to a person so nearly connected with your Lordship.

"I have the honour to be, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient servant,
G. LINCOLN."

* Lord Grenville. He died Jan. 12, 1834, aged 74. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag. N. S. vol. I. p. 327.*

1808.

REV. THOMAS THIRLWALL * to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Mile End, London, Jan. 7, 1808.

"When I informed your Lordship that I should do myself the honour to write within a week after my last, I was not aware of a labour that has been cast upon me, which has occupied every moment of my time, and prevented me from performing my promise. I have the honour to be appointed one of the directors (not in the recent upstart schemes) of the Amicable Society for Insurance on Lives, incorporated a century ago, Serjeants' Inn, Fleet Street, which has obtained a new charter for extending its benefits. Having been appointed one of the sub-committee for framing a code of laws and other regulations, I found myself engaged in a task the nature and extent of which I had no conception of. We have, however, by steady perseverance accomplished our object. We last Monday presented the result of our labours to a general court, and had the satisfaction of receiving their unanimous approbation. I most heartily congratulate myself on this discharge, and hasten to the pleasing performance of my other engagements. I forgot, I believe, to inform your Lordship that Mrs. Southcott receives nothing for her protecting seals; but she is comfortably supported by her friends. I shall send the trash of her productions to Vernor and Hood, to be conveyed to your Lordship this day.

"I hope I shall be fortunate enough to meet with the first volume of Cibber's *Lives of the Poets*. The printer has at last completed the copy of Bishop Taylor's '*Holy Living and Dying*,' with his '*Golden Grove*.' His '*Discourses*' are also published. The former, which I have edited, has been lately reviewed in a monthly publication called the '*Christian Observer*.' The works of this good man are becoming extremely popular. Having finished the part which I had engaged, it is my intention to publish his work of '*The Sacred Order of Episcopacy*,' which, in these times, I hope will be thought seasonable. When I read it, before I received your Lordship's letter, the thought struck me; nor perhaps will it come with impropriety from me, who in the *Life of Hale* have asserted of the Church of England, that 'the jurisdiction of the

* See *Literary Illustrations*, vol. VII. p 67.

bishops constitutes the corner-stone of its venerable structure.' The Life of Bishop Taylor, prefixed to his 'Manual of Piety,' is at length published by the Rev. Mr. Fellows. I waited to see whether he could furnish any new materials, or might supersede the necessity of my undertaking; but he has done neither. He has told us only what the Biog. Brit. tells us, and would almost persuade us that the Bishop was a *Unitarian*. He has shorn the Bishop of all his *sectarian partialities*,—meaning his doctrinal points, and the distinguishing articles of faith professed by the sons of our Church. It is in my judgment a libel on the memory of the Bishop. It is, however, far from my intention even to notice it in my account. Let error and mischief be consigned to oblivion. I hope early in the spring to be ready. Accept, my Lord, the compliments of the season, and many happy returns of them. I am, my Lord, your Lordship's obedient, humble servant,

"T. THIRLWALL."

Mr. HENRY LINGEN to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Abberley, near Worcester, Jan. 4, 1808.

"My father has been favoured with your letter on the subject of Joanna Southcott, the pretended prophetess. As he is now but little in the habit of writing (though upon the whole, thank God, extremely well for his time of life), he considers the pleasure of answering your Lordship's inquiries as devolving upon me. Your tenant, Mr. Adams, of the Tower, called upon me a little before Christmas, which reminds me that I may appear remiss in not replying to you before; but I can assure your Lordship the only reason of my silence is this, that I consider myself as having no information which you may think worth my communicating to you. Your letter, I confess, adds to my information on this extraordinary subject; but I am apprehensive my letter will not put you in possession of any facts with which you have not been previously acquainted. I have been daily in hopes of seeing a gentleman from Stourbridge, who usually visits his brother in this neighbourhood at Christmas, from whom I expected to hear many particulars respecting Joanna, and of the nature of that encouragement and protection which she receives from Mr. Foley; but as this gentleman has been prevented by sickness, I believe, from coming as usual, I venture to lay before you the few facts I have

gleaned; and, should I gain any further information, I will take the liberty of communicating it in a future letter.

"Mr. John Watkins, rector of Clifton Campville, Staffordshire, being at my father's house some time after he had received your Lordship's letter, I requested of him, as he was going to call upon a friend at Stourbridge, to procure me answers to the following queries, which he obligingly did. These I transcribe for your Lordship's perusal.

"Is Joanna Southcott * now residing at Stourbridge?—She has not resided there for a considerable time: is supposed to be now living at Exeter. Is she now supported as a prophetess by Mr. Foley?—Mr. F. supports her doctrines as much as possible.

"In his discourses from the pulpit does he advise his congregation to accept of her preservative seal, or in any shape to put themselves under her protection?—In his discourses from the pulpit he has occasionally mentioned the prophetess, but does not generally notice her.

"Is the time yet expired when the prophetess's seal, according to her predictions, was to deliver her followers from impending ruin?—This seems not to be known.

"Are her doctrines received by any people of information in the neighbourhood of Stourbridge (the rector of Old Swinford excepted), or only by the common people?—Her doctrines are received only by the lower class of people, including some inferior tradesmen in the town of Stourbridge.

"Does she seal her converts in any other parts of the kingdom?—Certainly in other parts; her number of sealed converts amounting already to more than 14,000.

"Is her reputation as a prophetess on the decline in the neighbourhood of Stourbridge?—Rather on the decline of late, as far as I could learn.

"Has the Bishop of the diocese interfered with the peculiarity of Mr. Foley's opinions?—It is supposed that the very infirm state of the Bishop of the diocese has prevented his interfering in this extraordinary business.

"Does Joanna confer her protecting seal gratis?—I could not learn that she had ever condescended to accept of any gratuity for the protecting seal.

"I have the honour to be, my Lord, your much obliged and very obedient servant,

HENRY LINGEN."

* This notorious religious impostor died in Manchester Street, Manchester Square, Dec. 27, 1814. See an account of her tenets and delusions in *Gent. Mag.* LXXXIV. ii. 136, 240, 678; LXXXV. i. 599, 601.

"MY LORD,

Abberley, near Worcester, Feb. 23, 1808.

"In replying to your last letter concerning Mr. Foley and Mrs. Joanna Southcott, I am not able to speak with certainty as to the general deranged state of that gentleman's mind; but I apprehend that he is perfectly rational on all other subjects but that unfortunate one, which has for a considerable time engrossed so much of his attention. With respect to his academical education, I have to observe to your Lordship, for the information of the Hon. Mr. Meade, that he was not of Wadham College, Oxford, but of Jesus College, Cambridge;* and I have heard received a Fellowship from that society, from the circumstance of having taken a respectable degree in that university. His church preferment is very considerable, as he has another living beside that of Old Swinford, and, before this strange infatuation under which he now labours had taken possession of him, was looked up to as a very respectable gentleman. I do not understand that much, if any thing (especially latterly), on the subject of the prophetess, is delivered by Mr. F. from his pulpit. But your Lordship most probably, from your situation in the Church, knows more than myself the method he takes to promulgate her opinions; and I have been informed that he has sent her publications to many of the clergy (and perhaps others) in these, and in other parts.

"As your Lordship appears so anxious for information on this extraordinary subject, I will venture to communicate to you a history I have lately heard; and, at the same time that I cannot vouch for the authenticity, I believe it to be true. Mr. Foley some time since laid a wager (five guineas) with a Mr. Pidcock, one of his parishioners, that monarchy would not be restored in France within some certain given period. Upon the accession of the present Emperor of the French people to his new dignity, Mr. P. conceived he had won the wager, and, I believe, Mr. Foley did not deny it: but upon some doubts arising in his (Mr. Foley's) mind of the propriety or lawfulness of wagers of this kind, he applies to Joanna for information, and she bids, or perhaps commands him, not to pay the wager. Upon this Mr. Pidcock expressed himself in a way which much hurt Mr. Foley's feelings, and he (Mr. Foley) thought proper to read a statement of his case, or

* The Rev. Thomas Philip Foley, B.A. as fourth Junior Optime 1779. He died in 1835. See a notice of him in the Gentleman's Magazine, N. S. vol. IV. p. 554, but *for* Trinity college, *read* Jesus'.

a vindication of his conduct, I am sorry to say, in his parish church, to his congregation there assembled. In one part of his harangue he was contradicted by a gentleman present (not Mr. Pidcock, I understand, who was not then in the church, but by a friend of his), and told it was not so. This circumstance could not fail to discompose the whole of his congregation, and must be matter of great grief to the more serious part of it.

A friend of mine informs me, that a publication has lately appeared in three volumes, and I believe is now coming out in a second edition, professing to be from a Spaniard in England, but the production of an English pen.* In this there is a letter or paper on the subject of Joanna Southcott, and the information it contains, my friend assures me, is authentic.

"I have not seen Mrs. Harper, but am told by Mr. Harper that her cousin, Capt. Gun, now resides in Worcester.

"I have to apologise to your Lordship for the little information I have been able to furnish you with on this very marvellous subject. I am your very faithful and obedient servant,

HENRY LINGEN."

1808—1811.

REV. EDWARD JONES† to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD.

Loddington, January 17, 1808.

"I have been prevented from having the pleasure of paying my respects to Mr. and Mrs. Isted, since their return, until yesterday; they had previously taken an opportunity to send me the papers which your former kind notices prepared me to expect; and have been so good to undertake the conveyance of my acknowledgments for your Lordship's favour in receiving so obligingly the thoughts, which I could not refrain from putting down on paper, and took the liberty of communicating to you; and for your farther striking contrast between competitors in popular publications, where a more accurate and disinterested memory proves 'both to be in the wrong.' I have not admitted a thought of transmitting a copy of the latter to Mr. Urban, though I think it would be accept-

* "Letters from England. By Don Manuel Alvarez Espriella. Translated from the Spanish. 3 vols. 1807." The authors of these Letters were Mr. Southey and Mr. Duppa. See Monthly Review, LV. p. 380.

† The Rev. Edward Jones, B.D. 47 years Rector of Loddington and of Uppingham, a gentleman of extensive learning and great benevolence, died December 23, 1814, aged 74. See an account of him in Literary Anecdotes, vol. IX. 761; and notices of him in vol. VII. 605.

able to Mr. Nichols, particularly if he were let into the secret of the authority; but that would be too great a hazard perhaps with himself, certainly with a younger co-partner it would be so. The treachery of Mr. Cumberland's memory, with the fertility of his imagination to supply its defects with interest upon interest in return for the loss of his capital or principal, his letter to Mr. Isted * amply proves, in answer to the very pretty, tender story of their parting farewell in correspondence; that it originated with himself, not Mr. Isted, is clear; that my good friend, on such a renewal of epistolary intercourse, would forget every former intervening unpleasantness, and call to his recollection only early ideas, I am well convinced; and that he could forgive, though it was impossible he could forget, the history of Lord Halifax's secretaryship, the whole of which part of that subject, though so minutely detailed in other parts and parties, Mr. C. suppresses. Had my good brother Sturges been living, he would have had much to say and to write, perhaps even to print, in defiance of the new-intended 'Cumberland's Review,' as the booksellers announce his next production. To emulate Doctor Kenrick he should drop his esquireship, and give us his Dublin title of LL.D. I apprehend he will neither be more successful nor punctual to his professions than his predecessor. That the late Mr. Isted had no opinion of his sincerity or accuracy of memory, I had a very decisive proof but two years before his death. On meeting Mr. Cumberland at Lord Glandore's at dinner, he took a private opportunity to tell me that my brother Sturges never took occasion to say thank-you to him for *his* share in Lord Halifax's patronage being extended towards him at the time of his accession to Reading. I could only say that such omissions could proceed only from his not knowing his obligation. On my duly reporting this Mr. Isted referred to his uncle, who had not the slightest recollection of having ever called in the aid of Mr. Cumberland, or knowing that it had voluntarily been given; and, in fact, both declared they not even believed it to have foundation. Mr. Isted would not permit our entering into such a matter after so many years by remonstrating with him; and as I do not recollect having seen Mr. Cumberland since that time, and both parties are unhappily unable to support me in my answer, it has required no prudence to resist, where I have not had the

* See this letter in p. 190.

temptation. My own memory may by this time be as treacherous as Mr. Cumberland's in point of names of places and profits, but I certainly did not invent what my brother Sturges told me, though he might be misinformed,—that Mr. Cumberland had a very superior appointment to that which is now represented as a colonial office of trifling value—that he was allowed to sell, as the colony wished for particular reasons he should be permitted to do, the office (I think) of Provost Marshal of Quebec, for five thousand pounds. I should, however, beg your pardon for introducing what has not any connection with the only part I felt myself hurt by on the account of my own patron, and my own indignation has subsided in ink, without a wish for aid from the press. The only thing that has occurred to me since I last troubled your Lordship, is a jocular observation of T. Warton's in his burlesque on the two rival books, the *Guide* and the *Companion* through Oxford; the writing of which little work was, I should suppose, suggested to him, and the title (of *Guide to the Companion*, and *Companion to the Guide*) by that line in Ovid,—

“ ‘ Tu tibi Dux Comiti, tu Comes ipse Duci.’ ”

“ A friend has brought me a new edition, auctior at least, having in addition some monkish Latin poetry, with a new motto, alluding to the nondescript colleges, halls, and libraries discovered by the (anonymous though well-known) author,—

“ ‘ Avia Pieridum peragro loca, nullius ante
Tuta solo.’ ”

“ In describing coffee-houses as libraries he does not sacrifice sense to sound, and prime the students with priestly port, but makes them study politics over coffee, and divinity over port. I have a former edition (bound up with Oxford and Cambridge Guides) which, though bearing no date of the year, I bought there in 1765, and it is called the fourth edition. That of 1806 is too large for a frank; but if Mrs. Isted could, as she has sometimes, have an official cover, and you should have any desire to have it, it should be offered to your acceptance, without a wish for its being returned, when any opportunity may offer for the other printed collection being brought over. With my family's thanks for your kind remembrance and good wishes, and a sincere return of them for yours and

Mr. and Mrs. Meade, I remain your Lordship's obliged faithful servant,
EDWARD JONES."

"MY LORD,

Loddington, 20th April, 1807.

"I had the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Isted the morning after her very agreeable surprise to my kind friend, her husband, when she was so well rewarded for the fatigues of her hurrying journey by the happiness of seeing her dear son perfectly recovered from his disorder; and I sincerely rejoiced with them in the satisfactory report she was able to make of your Lordship's continued health and spirits, after the affliction with which it had pleased God to visit you. She mentioned to me that you had received application from a gentleman of respectable character,* who wished for information on the subject of your predecessor at Dromore, who had been also mine at Uppingham, Bishop Jeremy Taylor. I should be happy to contribute anything in my power towards the completing any account of him which may be in contemplation. Since the death of my valuable though personally unknown correspondents, Mr. Ralph Nicholson of Liverpool, and Mr. Wheeldont† of Wheathampstead, Herts, I have had letters from the widow, and made an acquaintance with the daughter of the former, who is married to Dr. Robinson of the Commons. Dr. Robinson has taken the trouble of transcribing the communication of Mr. Nicholson his father-in-law, and would also be the proper person from whom intelligence might be obtained for the address of Mrs. Robinson's brother, in whose possession, I understand, the remainder of his father's papers on the subject were deposited by his mother, who has been some time deceased. Through the channel of the Gentleman's Magazine, which originally promoted the first communication between Mr. Ralph Nicholson and myself, I have since met with and noticed in return, the application of a writer who signs himself 'Anacharsis,' April, 1795, p. 277, and

* The Rev. Thomas Thirlwall. See p. 390, and vol. VII. p. 67.

† The Rev. John Wheeldon, Rector of Wheathampstead, died July 26, 1800, aged 65. He published a Poetical Epistle to Mr. Pennant on his Tours, and "A New Delineation of Job's Ancient Abode, by a Gentleman now contemplative in Arabia Petræa. Transmitted from Alexandria to John Wheeldon, M.A. To which are added, A few Observations on the Book of Job, by the Editor, 1799." See *Gent. Mag.* LXX. 799.

February, 1796, p. 100. My note was March, 1796, p. 199. Who the writer may have been I have had no opportunity even to conjecture. Mrs. Isted apprehends the present inquirer to be Mr. Thirlwall,* whose name I have occasionally seen in publications; which induces me to think he would be most likely to answer Mr. Nicholson's wish in writing Bishop Taylor's Life, '*con amore*.'

"I have the honour to be your Lordship's obliged and faithful servant,

EDWARD JONES.

"Mrs. Isted flattered me much by an assurance that your Lordship did me the honour of approving the notice I thought it not unbecoming me to take of Mr. Cumberland's utterly unfounded assertion, of his 'having traced Dr. Lowth's quotation (applied to Dr. Bentley), to one of the most uncleanly samples of Catullus.' When I returned the Memoirs to the library at Ecton, I had mentioned to Mr. Isted and her that I had been disgusted with the offensive terms in which he had spoken of the Bishop; and that on one point, which was untrue, I had sent a note to the Gentleman's Magazine.† I do not recollect that I added my motive (in addition to what might have justified any one) to be a sense of what was more especially due from one who had repeatedly been favoured with his patronage, from a family connection; the mother of Dr. Sturges, Chancellor of Winchester, having been sister to his Lordship; the Doctor, and his son, Mr. Sturges Bourne, having since likewise continued their friendly services to my family. As the book was only to pass through my hands, though my daughter had bespoken it for the Ladies' Book Society at Kettering, I had at the first perusal made a few extracts on loose scraps of paper, which I casually preserved without the slightest thoughts of putting them into any form; and was quite satisfied in my own mind, that the circumstance of the British Critic having noticed the same blot, would induce him to make a proper apology in the Supplement, and strike out the untruth in the second edition, both of which that Review of the same month, evidently on his own authentic communication, announced to be in preparation. Both these publications having disappointed what seemed to be reasonable expectation, I found it much easier to throw together

* Rev. Thomas Thirlwall. See p. 397.

† See Gent. Mag. for 1806, p. 333.

hastily on paper my desultory thoughts on the subject, than to let them, according to one of his expressions, 'rankle' in my mind; though without any further thought than to communicate them to my own immediate family, and for my own satisfaction to state what might obviously occur, and without any difficulty be retorted on him. Mrs. Isted having said that you gave me credit from my initials, and that your own respect for Bishop Lowth confirmed your approbation of the manner in which the short vindication was conveyed, I cannot help availing myself of an early opportunity she offered of conveying for your Lordship's further employment of a rather longer period of leisure (if some opportunity should permit your having it read to you) what I have been induced to put together in the greater haste for the chance of Mr. Meade's taking it with him to Ireland. The nature of great part of it being founded on private conversation and personal communication with Mr. Cumberland himself, as well as others, shews that all idea of any publication of it was from the first, as it still must continue, utterly out of the question. Part of it too must be, if legible, not intelligible, otherwise than by explanation, of which what occurs to me I will, with your permission, add:—My first acquaintance with Mr. Cumberland was (except in an occasional interview or two previously at Ecton) when in October, 1771, I was with Mr. Isted, as the sole attendant of his connection at York, where Mr. Cumberland, on his return from Ireland, by way of Scotland, had studiously been collecting traits for the character of Colin Macleod; and, as we travelled together for two days southwards, read to us in parts, at Ferrybridge and Grantham, his manuscript of the 'Fashionable Lover;' and Mrs. Cumberland, when *he* desired to take my seat in Mr. Isted's chaise, amused two youthful sons and myself with some songs from the *poor* Summer's Tale, as she called it. He then at our other baiting-places in his turn amused us, amongst other points, with his tale, which his Memoirs record, of his share in Lord Eyre's Cockpit Sports. Another point, in which he justifies himself from the charge of his having ridiculed 'a comedy of the first merit' (the 'School for Scandal'), by proving an *alibi* at Bath on the evening of its first performance, when he was said to have decried it publicly, would certainly admit private proof by living witnesses not a few. I know not the time of the play's first production, but in February, 1779, when I went to town for institution to Dod-

dington, Lord Crosbie, now Lord Glandore, who married Lord Sackville's daughter, invited me, with my then pupil Mr. Bligh, now M.P. for Meath county, to dinner; where we met Mr. Cumberland and my friend Mr. Edward Chamberlayne, formerly Fellow of King's College, of my standing, (the person alluded to as then Clerk of the Treasury in the anecdote of Mr. Burke,) who, with myself, was desirous to allow that comedy a share of due merit; but we found our noble hostess so primed with previous instruction, and supported in it by her instructor present, that my friend was obliged to compromise with her Ladyship and him, by a concession on their part, that it might have had some merit, if brought out as a farce. Another point which, however trifling, occurred to my recollection, was the casual circumstance of Mr. Nares (on whose name my good brother Sturges was guilty of the pun), having (on a visit here, when he succeeded me at Doddington) left behind on his table his pocket-glass, which I afterwards, on finding it, returned to him; but, as it lay open, I saw the motto, so nearly resembling that quoted in the *British Critic* as a proverb. Dr. Richard Bentley, jun. made his nephew, Mr. Bentley Warren, an attorney at Uppingham, his executor; and I had in my possession for a time the two printed books which I mention, and from him I heard the history of the elder Dr. Bentley's pedigree, and of his price for Milton, the latter as communicated to him by his uncle, who was Rector of Nailstone in Leicestershire. Mr. Cumberland's mistake as to the point of Mr. Isted's writing to him one of the last letters he ever wrote, and of himself being scarcely able to dictate a reply, is not noticed, but is proved by the original letter; in which it appears that the correspondence commenced on the part of Mr. Cumberland, in a letter written with his own right hand (the left being that injured by the fall), dated 23rd August, 1780,* from Madrid, and marked under the date, in Mr. Isted's hand, as 'received October 6,' and at the close, by Mr. Isted's hand also, as 'answered November 6th.' (Mr. Isted died in May 1781.) I recollected so well Mr. Isted having shewn me the letter, and was so well acquainted with the contents from memory, that when I desired the present Mr. Isted to look for it, I previously quoted to him the simile of the 'dried monkey,' and the expressions almost literally as applied to Abbé Hussey. At the same time Mrs. Isted gave me leave to rummage the drawers in

* See the letter in this volume, p. 190.

the library, under the bookshelves, where I thought I should and did find Mr. Cumberland's letter to the Bishop of O——d, which I had seen when first published, annexed by a pack-thread to Dr. Lowth's letter.

"I understood from Mrs. Isted that the pamphlet-drawers at Ecton owed their present 'assortment of company' to your Lordship's occasional leisure, for arrangement. If I dwell on the above expression, quoted from Mr. Cumberland's Memoirs, I cannot resist the opportunity of accounting for it by relating what I heard from Mr. Ashby's own mouth, and what Mrs. M. Orlebar, when she very lately shewed me her collection of Mr. Cumberland's Plays, assured me she likewise had heard from Mr. Ashby himself.

"Mr. Ashby having occasion to make a journey to town, called on his kinsman, whose entire family had so often been received at Haselbeech, and during his very short stay was desired to take their family dinner whenever it suited him. 'How long do you stay?' 'I must be in the country again by Saturday evening.' 'Positively?' 'Yes, positively.' 'Then I am sorry, for I could have given you, not a family-dinner, but a treat, which your situation might not at another time give you anything equal to; but you are quite sure you must be at home by that time?' 'Yes.' 'It is really unlucky. Dr. Johnson, Mrs. Thrale, and Mrs. Cholmondeley dine with us that day, and I am really sorry you cannot.' It so happened that either business was delayed, or Mr. Ashby's necessity for return was not so urgent, and he called on Friday, saying he thought he should not go out of town till Monday. Miss Cumberland (the father being absent) in a stage whisper, said to her mamma (who was silent on the occasion) 'Oh! then, mamma, cousin Ashby can dine with us on Saturday, as papa, you know, asked him.' A sternly-knitted brow enjoined instant silence in the daughter too; and the good cousin reached his hat, made his bow, and, not hearing from them in the course of the day, was at home with his excellent wife by the Saturday evening. He was too much of a 'matter-of-fact' man to promote the 'shining of that party.' Mrs. M. Orlebar tells me, however, that he left £1000 3 per cents. to Mr. Cumberland for his life, and to the unmarried daughter after him.

"My allusion to Bishop Denison Cumberland's determination about disposing of Irish preferment is grounded on a letter from his Lordship to my brother Sturges, in return for his congratulation on his translation to Kilmore,

after he was Vicar of St. Mary's, Reading, through Lord Halifax, and fairly expectant on Mrs. Sturges' uncle, Bishop Terrick, of London. The Bishop assured him he should have been happy to have had him under his patronage, had he not been already, and likely to be, under so much better. My brother, when he read to me the letter, which very probably may be preserved, still offered, if I wished it, to propose a transfer to me of that interest, as I had only Loddington, and my relation, Lord Camden, was out of the Seals, but neither he nor I had sufficient opinion of the sincerity of the compliment to give it a second thought."

" MY LORD,

Loddington, 10th August, 1808.

" The favourable reception given by your Lordship to the observations which I could not refrain from putting on paper, after reading the second edition of Mr. Cumberland's Memoirs, was an ample reward for the little trouble I had taken in throwing into the form of a letter the collected scraps I had put together whilst the book was in my hands. As the packet, of which Mr. Meade was so good to undertake the charge, contained likewise Mr. Cumberland's original letter to the late (entrusted to me by the present) Mr. Isted,* I shall beg leave to avail myself of their purposed journey to Ireland, and request them to charge themselves with that as well as the other parts of its contents; unless you should wish to retain the printed volume of pamphlets for further attention at more leisure. The only person (my much-regretted friend and relation, Dr. Sturges, of Winchester) to whom I had a wish to communicate the manuscript, after it had received your sanction, being now no more, I shall not interrupt the political engagements of his son, Mr. Sturges Bourne,† with my comments on Mr. Cumberland's treatment of his great-uncle; but I had promised my own eldest son, a brother Etonian and King's-man, as he happened to be absent when my domestic critics, his youngest brother and sister, took the trouble of reading it through for me, that he should have some time his turn in it. The only points, in the way of correction or addition, that have occurred to me since, relate, first, to a mistake of mine, when speaking from memory, and charging Churchill with the coarse line

* See p. 190.

† The Right Hon. W. Sturges Bourne died Feb. 1, 1845, aged 76. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* N. S. XXIII. 433, 661.

against Francis. A collection of fugitive poetry, which I have long since bound together in several volumes, brought to my eye lately the 'Art of rising in the Church,' by Anti-Sejanus Scott,* published in 1763, the year preceding the Cambridge contest; when, perhaps, he did not intend that the plan he prescribed should be the very one he so shortly afterwards followed with success. After half-a-dozen lines of gross abuse, the concluding couplet is,

'That, drunk each night, and liquor'd every chink,
Dyes his red face in port, and his black soul in ink.'

"Had I likewise not trusted to memory when I quoted Pope, I should not have overlooked a note which has since occurred to me, on the subject of 'priestly port,' at line 200, Dunciad iv. It is rather extraordinary that Mr. Cumberland, after reprobating the conduct of the latter Dr. Bentley's executor in selling the joint library of the two doctors, should himself be the person who occasioned the British Museum being possessed of about sixty volumes in his own hands, formerly given him by his grandfather, and that, too, in a mode less dignified than if he had openly himself tendered them to the trustees for the purchase. Mr. Evans, bookseller in Pall Mall, (successor to Mr. Edwards,) whom I had occasion lately to call on, in course of a pursuit which I will take the liberty to mention, told me that he sold them to Lackington, in hopes to escape notice in a transaction which '*res angusti domi*' made necessary, but which was thereby only made the more public. The communication in the Gentleman's Magazine of November last,† page 1047, set me on an inquiry in which I was nearly interested. In 1797 my Uppingham parishioner, Mr. Bentley Warren, lent me the two books, which his uncle had recommended his reserving from the sale. One, a publication of the Freethinkers of the time, with Dr. Bentley's first thoughts, as materials for his answer, on every vacant part of margin, &c. of a thin octavo, half-bound book: the other, Milton's Paradise Lost, quarto, Tonson's edition, with his alterations, notes, and interlineations, exactly as in his subsequent edition. By an imprudent mode of returning them, the

* See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 450.

† The communication here referred to, describes how the books with Dr. Bentley's MS. notes came to the British Museum. Mr. Kidd, editor of "Opuscula Ruhnkeniana," noticed the books in Lackington's shop, and made out a list of them, amounting to sixty volumes. He waited on Mr. Nares, the librarian of the MS. department of the British Museum, who lost no time in laying the matter before the Trustees, and the whole collection was purchased for the public use.

former only reached him ; and, after fruitless endeavours to trace the other, he handsomely accepted a copy of Bentley's Milton from me. On reading the Gentleman's Magazine above named, I wrote to Mr. Nares, requesting he would make inquiries whether that book (though not likely to be in the list of those in the Museum) was anywhere forthcoming. Before he had an opportunity even to communicate the subject of my inquiry to any one, a friend wrote to him that Mr. Evans above mentioned had 'favoured him with a view' of a book which exactly answered my description. He wrote, and recommended my writing also, to Mr. Evans. It appeared that the book was in his hands only *in transitu* between Mr. Mitford, of Oriel College, Oxford, and Mr. Dunster, of Petworth, editor of *Paradise Regained* ; and he afterwards sent me information that it was then in the hands of Mr. Todd, who is shortly to publish an edition of Milton's Poetical Works for the booksellers. Mr. Nares was so good as to call on Mr. Todd, where he saw the book, which, though new bound (since Mr. Evans had first seen it, I believe), had the attestation I described to Mr. Nares, of Dr. Bentley's giving it to Mr. Warren, under the Doctor's own hand, carefully preserved. I have since called on Mr. Todd, and seen not only what Mr. Nares did, but a further memorandum of Mr. Mitford's, that the book was given him in 1804 by John Clementson, esq. Deputy Serjeant at Arms.

"The present Mr. Clementson, who succeeded his father in that office, was my pupil, when I resided at Uppingham, his father living in the adjoining parish. Hence he must have had the opportunity of procuring from the bookseller there (who was in the habit of buying anything) the book his son tells me he gave Mr. Mitford, but knows not how his father obtained it. I am now, through him, endeavouring to obtain restitution for Mr. Warren, whom I have not yet acquainted with the case. Mr. Thirlwall has returned me my papers with very gracious acknowledgments, but has been impeded in publication by other important avocations. I depend on your Lordship's forgiveness of this detail, remaining your most obedient and obliged servant,

EDWARD JONES."

"MY LORD,

Loddington, 19th June, 1809.

"In the hope of availing myself of Mr. and Mrs. Isted's kind conveyance, I continue to presume on your

permission to transmit whatever, slight as it may be, can seem likely to be interesting to your Lordship on the subjects which I had taken the liberty to introduce to your notice. Though I have not admitted a thought of giving to the public my observations on Mr. Cumberland's Memoirs in one point, contenting myself with having protested against his strength of memory, at least I should have had pleasure in showing equally the contrast between that and his confidence in it, could I have the plea, which I have in the former case, of personal gratitude added to general respect. Yet still the communication of the variance between Mr. Boswell and him, though weighing greatly against the latter, would be incomplete without the preponderating authority, which, you may be assured, I would not throw in. My idea, that his bookseller would not permit any curtailing of his former assertions, is strengthened by an extract I could not help making from Bishop Warburton's Letters, published by order of Bishop Hurd. In letter 35, it is said, 'Booksellers, who know mankind for the general better than authors, as having long experienced that caprice or accident always regulate the public judgment, would never, by their good will, have a successful book made better in the second edition.' Of the 'Bibliomania' I happen to have met with a proof in the Sale-Catalogue of the latter Dr. Richard Bentley's books in 1786, where Lucan's Pharsalia, quarto, with notes by Bentley and Grotius, printed at Strawberry Hill, 1760, was sold, in two copies, successive articles, for 1*l.* 17*s.* each. Within these twelve months a single copy, according to the Papers, brought at an auction in London 18 guineas. This Catalogue, which Mr. Bentley Warren, the acting executor, has lent me, entirely refutes the fair suggestion of Mr. Evans, bookseller, in Pall Mall (through whose hands the Milton I claim for Mr. Warren passed from the possessor to the two editors of Milton), that this might have been one of those sold at Leicester. It contains Milton's Works, 3 vols. folio, and Milton's Paradise Lost and Regained in two different vols. duodecimo; not any edition in quarto, such as that I borrowed and returned, without its having reached the owner, and which I saw in the hands of Mr. Todd (who has lately presented to the King his new edition of Milton's Works), after its having been lent also to Mr. Dunster of Petworth, editor of Paradise Re-

gained. Mr. Southey,* editor of a pretended translation of a Spaniard's Travels in England,† says of our English book collectors, that they leave out of their copy of the Decalogue the 7th (or, according to Protestants, the 8th) Commandment. As I do not yet succeed in private application to the possessor, through my pupil, who gave it him from his late father's library, I leave further proceeding to the owner, if he thinks his profession of the law worth resorting to, even so far as a threat may go. He is liberal enough to say, he should be perfectly satisfied if the book were in a more proper place for its kind,—some public library; as he has long since deposited the several manuscripts of the former Dr. Bentley, bequeathed by the latter to Trinity College, Cambridge. Amongst these, which I saw specified in the probate of the will, was the Collation of the Vatican copy of the Testament, which Thomas Bentley, son to the Doctor, went to Rome to procure, and which Dr. Richard Bentley assured Mr. Warren he had the utmost difficulty to recover again from a foreigner, Dr. Woide,‡ to whom he very kindly had lent it for his service in a publication then undertaken by him, and long since completed. As Mr. Cumberland's share of the Doctor's library, notwithstanding his strictures on the executor, who was obliged, as trustee for others, to sell all, except what he was bound to reserve, as a present to himself during life, was sold to Lackington, and by him to the British Museum, I have mentioned this latter, as a suitable situation for it, if restored. I recollect in a copy of verses of Nicholas Hardinge, clerk of the House of Commons, father to the present Welsh Judge, who printed a volume of them, which was only given away, and now happens to be in the hands of my son at Eton, a stroke upon the collectors of books, under the name of *Rums*;§ it is in a supposed dialogue between the author and a Mr. Wray, with whom Mr. Hatsell told me he was acquainted. Some book is there said by Mr. Wray to be 'tutus ab Hardingis;' under which George Hardinge puts a note, 'the author

* Robert Southey, esq. LL.D. died March 21, 1843, aged 68. See *Gent. Mag.* N. S. XIX. 662.

† See before, p. 394.

‡ Dr. Charles Godfrey Woide died May 7, 1790. See a memoir of him in *Literary Anecdotes*, IX. 11—14; and notices of him, *ibid.* VII. 474, 715.

§ See this Poem reprinted in the *Memoirs* of Daniel Wray, esq. by Mr. George Hardinge, in *Literary Illustrations*, I. 44.

and his brother' (Caleb I suppose) 'having a bad name for not returning borrowed books;' another portion of it, I remember, was '*Rum facias—Rum.*' '*Si possis rectè; si non, quocunque modo Rum.*' I was sorry to find, in some of Dr. Warton's Letters, written about the time of the controversy between Warburton and Lowth, some opinions not favourable to Lowth, who had been kind to him in essential points. Miss Carter, in her Letters to Miss Talbot, at that time, says, 'I am quiet enough as to the dispute between Dr. Lowth and the Bishop of Gloucester, who, as he is the genuine successor of Ishmael, must be content to take his fate. I am sorry, however, he has met with the chastisement, he too well deserves, from one of his own order. It is a pity they did not both battle it out in Greek, which is the best language in the world for a hearty scold.'

EDWARD JONES."

"MY LORD, Loddington, Northamptonshire, 29 June, 1811.

"I had purposed to watch the period of Mr. and Mrs. Isted visiting Ireland, to return both apologies and acknowledgments due to your Lordship. Had any interesting matter fallen within my very contracted sphere of notice, I should have been happy in availing myself of the request with which you honoured me, and making any such communications on a former opportunity; but I have not been able to get a second view of the work to which I had alluded, as containing the offensive expression of Warton relative to Lowth, in a private letter, to whom he must probably have been civil openly, as the Bishop gave him a prebend of St. Paul's. I remember the term which seemed chiefly inapplicable to Lowth was that of 'coarse;' for which, if I could join in thinking that there was for once occasion, the well-applied motto in the title-page should, to a classical man, have more than made amends. I am indebted likewise to your Lordship for a further explanation of an anecdote, of which I had an imperfect recollection from Mr. Urban's pages, relative to Dr. Salter.* Warton's Winchester politics would make him not partial to a Brunswick court; but, besides an opposite early bias, I acknowledge an obligation to Queen Caroline's example, having had the benefit, sixty-seven [years] past, of my good parents' following it, inoculating four children at a time. At present, I am concerned to find that the prejudices against vaccination

* See this vol. pp. 58, 85.

have received a strong reinforcement ; the usual plea of a spurious matter having been used, where small-pox took place after it, being here precluded, Dr. Jenner having himself performed the operation, in the instance of Lord Grosvenor's son, who has since taken the other disorder. A niece of mine, known to Mrs. Isted, who has been, under the Doctor's own tuition, a successful vaccinatress here, and in a larger scale in her Welsh parish, has seen Dr. Jenner's own explanation of this event, in a letter from Miss Grosvenor, which he imputes to a peculiarity of constitution in this child ; the other children having been permitted to have full and free intercourse with it, when under the disorder, without a similar effect taking place.

“ My family are, with myself, much obliged by your Lordship's kind congratulations, which Mrs. Isted duly conveyed, on the very seasonable acquisition, in which I at least could have had no expectation to share ; the testatrix, a maiden lady of Bath, granddaughter to my father's elder brother, being ten years younger than myself. The moiety of an ancient priory at Usk in Monmouthshire, where my father was born (as I have heard him say), when there was no King in England, Nov. 1688, would have fallen to me, as heir-at-law, which was her known wish, expressed to nearer relations on the female side, with whom too she has permitted my family, my eldest son excepted, to partake in property not lineally descending, as well as in her personalty. It is rather an extraordinary circumstance, that, when my father was youngest of four sons who lived to be of age, as I also was precisely, even a moiety should be my destined, as well as devised, lot ; and I cannot but consider it as a kind of providential reserve, after the severe loss, in which I am a sharer, of a much larger property in Hampshire and Glamorganshire (where Neath Abbey was a part), which the steward of those estates in Hants secured to his own family, who now bear the name of Compton, by the will of my uncle's widow, sister of that steward, who, as family attorney also, made the wills of two brothers of my mother ; in that of the elder, a bachelor, leaving to himself the stewardship of the Hants estates for life (in which my uncle ‘ hopes he will be very diligent’), and in that of the younger, his brother-in-law, leaving all estates in both countries to his sister for ever. I should not have troubled your Lordship with this history, but from

a grateful recollection of your having once at Ecton most obligingly offered your able assistance towards my making out my descent from the Compton family, which Lord Northampton since was so good as to point out in a beautiful pedigree, accepting and admitting an intermediate link of connection, in a monumental inscription from the burial-place at Ringwood in the New Forest. Those prospects, which have been realized beyond expectation, had induced me to anticipate a view of the Priory, which Sir Richard Colt Hoare has given with that of the Church* (a vault under which is still the cellar), in his magnificent Translation of Giraldus Cambrensis' *Itinerarium Cambriæ*, or an account of Archbishop Baldwin's '*Laboriosa Legatio*,' never before translated, though more than six hundred years have passed since its being written. Had I been aware of the price of the 3 vols. 4to. (one of the original, two of the English,) which in large paper, from Bulmer's press, came to fourteen guineas in boards, I should not have dared to do what I did, lest I should be esteemed an *hæredipeta*; but I had promised, before I saw the books, to make a present of the two English volumes to my kinswoman, after I had, by their aid, read the Latin, in return for two volumes of Sermons she had given me, published by a Bath preacher, when I last visited her, and some manuscript Sermons of her father's formerly, who had been Rector of a parish in Bristol. I ventured however to give them, and they were most handsomely accepted, without suspicion of interested views; and her nearer kindred, who succeeded to them as personals, have as handsomely returned them to me, thinking she would have done so had it occurred to her recollection.

"Archdeacon Coxe, of Salisbury, my brother King's-College man, the continental traveller, accompanied Sir Richard Hoare in his travels through Wales, and was writing his own materials for two quarto volumes, whilst Sir Richard was taking his drawings of Tintern and Lantony Abbeys, and everything worth taking in Monmouthshire, which he published as an historical tour. He notices 'an apartment on the first floor, as the frieze is ornamented with thirty devices and emblazoned coats of arms, several of which probably belonged to the benefactors and founders of the Priory, or to the proprietors of the castle.' He is not a little mistaken as to the ownership, at that

* Sir R. C. Hoare has given a view of the church and the gateway of the Priory of Usk, in Giraldus Cambrensis, I. 109.

time, and formerly; a poetical inscription on a gravestone in the church having recorded Walter Jones, a 'valiant soldier' of Queen Elizabeth's days, who was afterwards at the 'Isle of Rhée,' and died in 1656, aged upwards of 80.

"I fear my present apology should be for writing at so much length, and introducing a miscellaneous medley, like a Nova Zembla thaw, previously to my acknowledging the honour done me in your Lordship's request of having a second hearing of my pretended address to Mrs. Cumberland. In its present state the readiest reader would be at a loss in attempting to adapt the occasional additions to the remarks which are set down almost at random, without references of distinction, as they chanced to occur, and so hastily, as scarcely to be legible. Your Lordship may be fully assured, that I have strictly complied with your request, and that the communication with which you favoured me, relating to Goldsmith, has at no time gone farther than my own roof; one half only of my family having ever seen the letter itself, which they would not have seen, had I not wished that, before I let it out of my hands, younger eyes might guard me against inaccuracies which might escape my own. We are to expect, I find, a more enlarged account of Mr. Cumberland in Mr. Urban's June Magazine.* By the papers it appears that he died at the house of the attorney, whom he so highly commends in his Supplement as his friendly agent in the care of his grandchildren. I had not heard of his being at all ill, and had so lately met with a review of his 'Reformer' in Mr. Urban's pages,† that I presumed (as Mr. Nichols certainly did sometime *after* that number appeared) he was as well as his age could permit. In that anonymous work he did, as he says of his letter to Bp. Lowth, 'all but tell his name' in publishing that affecting anecdote of his attending on Lord Sackville's last moments (too serious a subject to admit of fiction), after printing it in two different works

* See ample Memoirs of Richard Cumberland, esq. compiled from his own Life, in *Gent. Mag.* 1811, i. 590—596, 635—640. He died at the house of Mr. Henry Fry, in Bedford-place, Russell-square, May 7, 1811, in his 80th year.

† In *Gent. Mag.* 1811, p. 57, is a review of "The Reformer; comprising Twenty-two Essays on Religion and Morality; with an Appendix," 12mo., a work published anonymously by Mr. Cumberland, but pointed out to be his, by Rev. E. Jones, in a letter to Mr. Urban, in p. 207 of the same volume. In this letter Mr. Jones alludes to a former letter of his in *Gent. Mag.* for 1806, p. 333. In both letters Mr. Jones defends the character of Bishop Lowth.

with his name to each. Some of his Lordship's supposed peculiarities, as *pleasantly* described in the Memoirs, particularly those improbable ones of his *manner* at his own church at Drayton, are, I am told, directly contradicted by the aged steward there.* The then Rector mentioned, had been some years dead before the publication. I take the liberty of inclosing a copy of his poetry, written at that place, which happened to reach me at the time, I presume from Mr. Urban's first edition of it, which I do not possess, having commenced taking in that work, and binding it, only (as I told Mr. Nichols, when I saw him in Leicestershire,) from what my Kettering bookseller calls in his catalogue 'the date of Mr. Nichols's Improvement,' that was, from sixpence to a shilling in 1783. In that edition it is given *auctior*, but not for the sake of complimenting Lowth, and, I presume, intended to be *emendatior*, corrected, if not complimented by himself.

"In Mr. Cumberland's late short-lived Review he could not refrain from a sneer at Bishop Lowth, when on the subject of Bishop Hurd's Letters; though he 'went out of his way' to do it, no circumstance whatever giving occasion for it. He there too speaks of Bishop Warburton's 'admitting him into his acquaintance for only mentioning him with respect in a pamphlet;' which evidently owed its origin to the Bishop's previous compliment to him in return for his presentation copy of the Banishment of Cicero, six years after the date of its publication. He possibly received a present of the Controversial Pamphlets in return; which, though completed in 1765, 'fell into his hands no earlier than a few days ago,' in 1767, the date of the Bishop's complimentary letter on the Play. EDWARD JONES."

Sir RICHARD MUSGRAVE † to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Clonfert, Feb. 28, 1808.

"I arrived here on the 22d. This country is a downright contrast to the county of Down, being thinly inhabited, and having but few Protestants. The Shannon expands itself so much here, that it appears like a continuation of large lakes. Large bodies of the military are quartered here; and I am sorry to inform your Lordship, that some serious attempts to seduce them from their allegiance have been recently discovered. Some of the

* His addressing the preacher from his pew during the sermon, if he approved the argument.—J. M.

† See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. 817, 827; VIII. 38.

persons guilty of these practices have assured the soldiers that they expect the French here next April.

"The Bishop of Clonfert* received a letter, dated the 13th instant, from the Bishop of Salisbury,† in which he says 'That Jezebel Joanna Southcott is a most notorious impostor, and for some time contrived to gain a subsistence in Devonshire by her impostures; but at length she was expelled by the magistrates. It is universally wished that the Bishop of Worcester,‡ in whose diocese the Reverend Mr. Foley lives, would proceed against him; but it is much to be feared that, at his very advanced period of life, he will not take any measures against him.' The Bishop of Salisbury says, that the King enjoys very good health at present, and gives striking indications of great strength of mind. His Majesty lately kept the Bishop nearly two hours in conversation.

"This country is singularly well supplied with fish, though it is twenty-five miles from Galway, whence it is brought; and there is a great supply of fuel here, as the turbaries on every side are inexhaustible. The Grand Canal terminates at Shannon Harbour, about three miles above Banagher; and there it is connected with the Limerick Navigation, by means of a lock. Shannon Harbour is about three miles from Clonfert by crossing the river, but six by going round by Banagher. There are many batteries on the river Shannon, to guard such parts of it as are fordable in the summer. I am much amused in observing the striking difference between the inhabitants of Galway and Down, in their features, figure, and apparel. I shall return to Dublin about the middle of next week, where I hope to have the pleasure of seeing Mr. Meade, in the happiness of whose dear family I am very warmly interested. With best wishes for them, I have the honour to be, your Lordship's faithful and obedient servant,

RICHARD MUSGRAVE.

Mr. CATNACH to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, Alnwick, Northumberland, April 5, 1808.

"Having had the patronage of her Grace the Duchess of Northumberland in publishing an elegant edition of the 'Hermit of Warkworth,' (wrote by your Lordship,) with designs by Mr. Craig, and engraved on wood by the cele-

* Dr. Butson. See before, p. 374.

† Bp. Douglas.

‡ Bishop Hurd died May 28, 1808, aged 88. See *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. VII. 191, 599; and *Literary Illustrations*, General Index; see also *Gent. Mag.* 1808, pp. 562, 653, 702, 869.

brated Mr. Bewick, of Newcastle, I have taken the liberty to send your Lordship a copy of the impression, humbly hoping your Lordship will accept it as a tribute of esteem. The 'Reliques of Ancient Poetry,' compiled by your Lordship, being now out of print, I humbly request permission to reprint them, with an entire new type, on demy 8vo, to correspond with 'Scott's Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border,' in 3 vols. to which engravings would be added, done in the same manner as those annexed; which would render it an elegant edition. Should it not be asking too much of your Lordship, if there are any alterations your Lordship has made, or would wish to make, I would be proud to receive them. An answer from your Lordship, as soon as convenient, would confer a lasting obligation on your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,

JOHN CATNACH."

REV. DR. WILLIAM BRUCE * to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Belfast, April 6, 1808.

"On Mr. Robinson's return, I was anxious to receive some account of your Lordship's health, and what resources compensated for the weakness of your sight; and I was happy to hear that you not only enjoyed good general health, but were able in a great measure to alleviate that calamity, so grievous to a literary man. Among other things, he informed me that you amused yourself and your friends with a variety of the remains of those distinguished characters of the last generation, with whom your Lordship lived in such long and habitual intimacy. Upon this, it occurred to me that perhaps your Lordship would have no objection to favour the world with some pieces from this collection, and possibly with some original traits from your Lordship's pen, if you were furnished with a suitable vehicle: and as the Belfast Literary Society is on the point of publishing its first Fasciculus, I shall take the liberty of explaining to your Lordship the constitution and plan of that society. If your Lordship shall think it worthy of your Lordship's patronage, and shall do me the honour of employing me in that business, I shall execute your Lordship's commands with fidelity and zeal; otherwise your Lordship will excuse this liberty, and accept of this letter as a piece of literary news.

* Dr. Bruce kept an academy at Belfast. See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 168, 200.

“Our Society has subsisted for nearly eight years, and assembled eight months in every year. At these meetings, beside a variety of extra and voluntary memoirs, and a discourse from the president at the opening and close of every session, the members delivered stated discourses in their turns. By Dr. Cupples and Mr. Joy we were favoured with a mass of curious and valuable information concerning the civil history of Ulster. Dr. M'Dowell's Discourses abounded with geological and mineralogical knowledge. Dr. Stephenson brought forward a great store of information on the antiquities, natural history, manufactures, and statistics of this country. Mr. Drummond, besides other papers, submitted to us his MSS. of Trafalgar; a translation, in rhyme, of the first book of Lucretius, now in the press in Edinburgh; and a poem on the Causeway, &c. not yet ready for publication. I contributed my mite of classical literature; and several other members favoured us with miscellaneous essays. On the whole, we can command such a number of interesting papers as, we think, warrant us in commencing authors: and our first Fasciculus is actually in the press, to be printed very elegantly in 4to. It contains a Memoir from our friend Dr. Richardson; a Relation of an Aërostatic Voyage, to ascertain the operation of Magnetism, and the composition of the atmosphere at great elevations, read to the French Institute, and transmitted to us by our member, the Secretary to the American Legation at Paris; and a Treatise on the Linen Trade, particularly its machinery, and the process of bleaching, by Dr. Stephenson.

Beside the contributions of the members, I have hopes that all the ingenious or literary people in this country will avail themselves of this opportunity of communicating the result of their studies and experience to the public; and I am sure nothing can contribute so effectually to this purpose as the sanction of your Lordship's example.

“I have the honour to be, with great respect, your Lordship's faithful humble servant, WILLIAM BRUCE.”

Mr. Justice DALY* to Bishop PERCY.

“MY LORD,

Downpatrick, April 19, 1808.

“I had the honour of receiving your Lordship's letter

* Rt. Hon. St. George Daly, serjeant-at-law 1799, Baron of the Exchequer 1801, and Justice of the King's Bench 1803. He retired in March, 1822.

yesterday, in which you have recommended the case of Patrick Roney with very becoming humanity. From some expressions in your Lordship's letter, you seem to think that a Judge has the power of mitigating a capital sentence; but I beg leave to set your Lordship right in that respect. We have no such power. It is our practice, and indeed our duty, to recommend criminals to mercy, when favourable circumstances appear; and those recommendations are in general successful. But the fate of the prisoner depends upon the decision of Government. And a case has occurred very lately, in which the Government, not satisfied with the grounds of a certain recommendation, refused to comply with it.

"With respect to Patrick Roney, I should have been much gratified if he had been indicted with less severity; for his offence, though in point of law it amounted to a burglary, yet in point of fact it was but a stealing from the shop, accompanied by such a breaking into the shop as was necessary to accomplish his purpose (which breaking made it in point of law a burglary), but unaccompanied with those circumstances of violence to the family, and of terror, which are the usual attendants on burglary, and for the suppression of which capital punishment becomes necessary.

"I shall certainly state these observations to Government, and shall also communicate to them your Lordship's information with respect to the state of this man's intellects, which has been since confirmed by other accounts: the result rests with the Government. It may be right to suggest to your Lordship the propriety of making an application to Government on your own part.

"I have communicated your message to Judge Fox. We shall both be happy at all times to have an opportunity of paying our respects to your Lordship.

"I have the honour to be your Lordship's most obedient humble servant,
ST. GEO. DALY."

The Rev. Dr. BARTHOLOMEW LLOYD * to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

May 12, 1808.

"Since the receipt of your letter I have not ceased to

* The Rev. Bartholomew Lloyd, D.D. Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, died Nov. 24, 1838. See a memoir of this learned and excellent man in *Gent. Mag.* N. S. IX. 208.

make inquiries and searches for Dr. Jeremy Taylor's Speech, I am sorry to say, without success; it does not appear among the manuscripts or in the registry. However, I have pretty well assured myself that it is not now in existence; indeed, complimentary addresses from or to the college have never been registered or intentionally preserved. We have in the Library probably all the editions of his works that were ever published; these I also examined, supposing it possible that a detached piece might have escaped the notice of his biographers. The only thing which comes near to the description is a Sermon preached before the college, but in English; it is the sixth of the supplementary sermons published at the end of his 'Sermons for all the Sundays of the Year;' but first published in the year 1667. Is it too much to suppose that Harris might have confounded some indistinct account of this with the notion of a Latin speech?

"I have very great satisfaction in reporting to your Lordship that Robinson * has prosecuted his studies here with uncommon success. His capacity is indeed extraordinary, and his exertions as strenuous as could be wished, yet his industry is not of that methodical kind which the rules of this place require. After a series of omissions (though in the mean time not idle, but perhaps employed about something not immediately among his college duties), he contrives, by a sudden effort, to appear among the foremost scholars of his class. His advancement would be still more rapid if his application were better regulated. The Provost and I have laboured to keep him to his duties, but without effect. His desultory manner, however to be lamented, is perhaps inseparable from the ardour with which he enters on whatever engages his fancy. The examination for scholarships to be held next month, will, I doubt not, give him an opportunity of releasing his friends from the charge of his maintenance in college.

"Many thanks for your Lordship's obliging invitation, of which, if possible, I should be happy to avail myself, being desirous of making my compliments to Mr. Meade, and of assuring your Lordship in person of the consideration and respect with which I have the honour to be your Lordship's very humble servant,

"B. LLOYD."

* See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 168.

Rev. Dr. GRAHAM to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, Aberfoyle, by Stirling, N.B. 30th June, 1808.

"Permit me to offer to your acceptance, by the hands of my friend the Archdeacon of Down, a copy of a small work of mine, on a subject which has not escaped your Lordship's attention, 'The Authenticity of the Poems ascribed to Ossian.' My primary object is to refute the objections which have been lately advanced by Malcolm Laing, Esq. M.P.; and I then attempt to prove, from the internal evidence which this poetry affords, that it could not possibly have been composed by James Macpherson.

"By the suggestion of some literary friends, I am now induced to take the liberty of requesting a particular favour of your Lordship, on this subject. In 1805 Mr. Laing published what he calls, 'The Works of James Macpherson, including Ossian's Poems.' In the preface, he cites Dr. Anderson as asserting that your Lordship had allowed him to say, 'that Sir John Elliot* had assured you that Macpherson, in a conversation with him (Sir John), had claimed these poems as his own composition.'

"That Macpherson latterly insinuated on many occasions that he was the author of these poems, is certain; and I have endeavoured, in my Essay, to obviate these claims: but that he directly and expressly avowed himself the author of them does not appear, except from the above citation.

"It is of great importance, in this question, to be accurately informed of what Sir John Elliot said to your Lordship concerning the conversation that took place between himself and Mr. Macpherson. I am sensible how great a liberty I take in making this application; but I hope your Lordship will have the goodness to forgive me.

"I have the honour to be, with true respect, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient and humble servant,

"PAT. GRAHAM."

Bishop PERCY to Rev. Dr. GRAHAM.

"SIR, Dromore, Ireland, August 12, 1808.

"The favour of your letter of the 30th June, accompa-

* See p. 360.

nied with the very obliging present of your book, did not reach me till lately, or I should sooner have duly acknowledged the same. As I had allowed Dr. Anderson to communicate to Mr. Laing what Sir John Elliot had told me concerning Mr. Macpherson* and the Poems of Ossian, you certainly have a right to ask me any question on that subject. But you have not stated the question rightly. You desire to know 'what Sir John Elliot said concerning the conversation that took place between himself and Mr. Macpherson,' on the subject of Ossian's Poems, for 'that Sir John Elliot had assured me that Macpherson, in a conversation with him (Sir John), had claimed these poems as his own composition.'

"In both these passages you take for granted that Sir John Elliot had communicated to me only what passed in one single conversation between him and Mr. Macpherson, whereas I asserted, 'that I repeatedly received the most positive assurances from Sir John Elliot, the confidential friend of Macpherson, that all the poems published by him as translations of Ossian were entirely of his own composition.' This I did not understand so strictly as that Mr. Macpherson might not have introduced some fragments of ancient Erse poetry, preserved by tradition, but that he had no genuine originals of Ossian's composition. This Sir John Elliot did not communicate to me as the result of one single conversation, but what he was fully assured of by repeated conversations during their intimacy of many years.

"For myself, having no knowledge of the Erse language, I was a very incompetent judge of the subject, but it always appeared to me to afford strong proof that these poems could not be the genuine productions of the third century, that there no where occurs in them any mention of the *wolf*, which certainly must have been found in all parts of Britain, as it was in the South till the wise policy of King Edgar, in the tenth century, was directed to their extirpation there; for which I beg leave to refer to Hume's History. But they were still found in the mountains of Northumberland after the Conquest, as appears by some well-known grants of lands, that the possessors should clear that country *a latronibus et lupis*.

"The mention, therefore, of so ferocious an animal

* See p. 240.

could not but occur to a poet writing on any warlike subject; and accordingly we find an Ode, or Triumphal Song, which is introduced into the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, on the subject of King Athelstan's victory over the Scots and Danes in 937, that where the poet describes the great carnage, and the feast it afforded to the raven, the eagle, and other birds of prey, he expressly mentions also '*the voracious wolf*.'

"I hope I shall be excused from any further discussion of this subject, as I labour under a total failure of sight, which barely allows me to subscribe my name to the assurance that I am, Sir, your obliged humble servant,
T. DROMORE."

1809.

MR. CHARLES BUCKE to Bishop PERCY.

"Stone Grove, near Edgware, Middlesex, July 18, 1809.

"MY LORD,

"Being principal Editor of the Ecclesiastical and University Annual Register, which for the future will include the ecclesiastical proceedings in the kingdom of Ireland, and having heard from a learned and respectable friend, who has been this summer travelling in Ireland, that your Lordship has established several schools in the diocese of Dromore, and which appear to have had a very sensible effect upon the minds and manners of the people in the district in which your Lordship resides; I have presumed to take the liberty of requesting, that your Lordship would be so obliging as to permit your secretary to favour me with an account of those schools, or with any particulars relative to the progress of education, the increase or decrease of Sectarianism or Catholicism, or with any other particulars with which your Lordship may be pleased to furnish me, for insertion in the Ecclesiastical Register; a work which has been found to be of great service to the Clergy in England, and which it is the most anxious wish of the Editors to render equally so to the reverend the Clergy of Ireland.

CHARLES BUCKE."

1810.

Bishop PERCY to the Marquess of DOWNSHIRE.*

"MY LORD,

Dromore House, March 30, 1810.

"I have been honoured with a letter from your Lordship, wherein you are pleased to mention that a report has gone abroad of my having written to dissuade your Lordship from the present mode of letting your estates upon fines, &c., and requesting that I would now contradict such a report by a letter addressed to yourself.

"As your Lordship never received such a letter from me, you may be assured no such was ever written.

"Indeed I have made it an invariable rule, during my long residence here, never to interfere in the concerns of your noble family, nor should I obtrude any advice for the management of your estates unless I were particularly so desired, and then I should certainly think it my duty to offer whatever I considered most conducive to the welfare and happiness of your Lordship and your tenantry; being with every good wish for both, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient humble servant, T. DROMORE."

"(Private.)

"P.S. To oblige your Lordship I have written the within letter, which I hope will answer all the purposes intended if you should choose to transmit it to Hillsborough; but I cannot think a copy of it sent by myself either so necessary or proper. At the same time I can assure your Lordship, that I never gave my opinion on the subject to any of your tenantry.

"As perhaps insinuations may have been attempted to my disadvantage, I hope it will be considered as no slight proof of my regard, &c. that I have every reason to believe I was the happy means of saving the life of your noble father. At the latter end of the year 1796, when conspiracies were forming all over this kingdom against the loyal nobility and gentry, previous to the rebellion in 1798, I was so fortunate as to discover a design to assassinate his Lordship; but I obtained the intelligence through such an indirect channel, and under such solemn engagements of secrecy, that we could not precisely ascertain the individuals concerned; yet his Lordship had no doubt of it; and I procured such information from time

* Arthur Blundell Sandys-Trumbull Hill, third Marquess of Downshire.

to time as enabled me to put him on his guard, and, finally, to escape the danger. What satisfaction this afforded me I need not mention."

REV. EDWARD SMEDLEY* to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD, Meopham, near Gravesend, Aug. 27, 1810.

"Your kind, I may say affectionate letter, arrived here on Saturday. I feel infinitely obliged to you for the expressions of regard therein. The postscript was not what I looked for; and you will believe me when I say, the remembrance of former kindnesses was the inducement for bringing in your Lordship's name,† as also for sending the poem to you. The reason why you had it not sooner was the delay arising from the binding it, after it arrived in Dublin (at least I suppose so), and I am much obliged to my friend Mr. Hutton for having forwarded it so punctually. As I am about publishing a new list of patrons, the gratification of adding your Lordship's name will not be trifling. You will find in the new list a name which you must recollect, that of George Taylor, who asked very kindly after your Lordship.

"The mention of your failure of sight at first made me sad; but when I considered the mental resources your Lordship possesses, and the attentions an affectionate

* The Rev. Edward Smedley, for many years one of the masters of Westminster School, and author of 'Erin, a geographical and descriptive Poem.' He died Aug. 6, 1825. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* XCV. ii. 284.

† The lines alluded to by Mr. Smedley were these:—

Can the Muse pass that hospitable door
Where dwells in peace the mitred sage, **DROMORE**,
Nor give one line of gratitude to praise
The second father of our ancient lays?
Prelate, much honour'd, while the many come
To weep o'er Isabel's sequester'd tomb,
They shall recall thy Hermit's tale of woe,
While real tears for fabled sorrows flow:
They shall recall how valiant Douglas sped,
Ere he was number'd with the mighty dead;
How Percy, flow'r of knighthood, scorn'd to yield
On northern hills and Cheviot's blood-stain'd field.
For me, who knew thee in my earlier years,
And, sympathizing, felt a father's tears,
And saw that father, in the midst of grief,
Seek from religion and his God relief,
Be mine thy Christian virtues to record,
O be it Heaven's those virtues to reward!

family can give, it afforded some consolation. To visit what I have pretended to describe, is, I fear, out of my power. The shortness of time for which our Westminster Vacations last makes it next to impossible to think of it; and it still is my fate to be at the oar. However, thus far I will say—should it so happen that I ever should come to Ireland, Dromore will be the first place in my thoughts. I beg to be remembered to those of your family who remember me; and am, with all respect, your Lordship's obedient servant, EDWARD SMEDLEY."

Rev. Dr. RENNIE to Bishop PERCY.

"MY LORD,

Donaghadee, Sept. 3, 1810.

"In consequence of publishing some Essays on the Natural History of Peat Moss,* which met the approbation of the Board of Agriculture, &c. I have been appointed to survey the Bogs of Scotland, England, and Ireland. In this arduous task I have been engaged for two months.

"Accustomed from my youth to look up to you as a bright ornament to your country, equally distinguished by literature and every amiable virtue that can adorn your high rank, I was ambitious of the honour of an interview with your Lordship. With this view, I had obtained letters of introduction from the President of the Board of Agriculture; but while I was at Collen on Saturday I received letters from Scotland which oblige me to hasten my return, without having it in my power to show that respect which I feel for your talents and virtue, and that veneration so justly due to your rank and years.

"I regret this the more, as I have reason to believe that in your Lordship's cabinet I might have seen some valuable specimens of the petrified and bituminated wood of Loch Neagh, that might have thrown much light on the natural history of that district.

"As I have had occasion to notice these productions in one of my Essays already published, and as I wish to procure the most ample and correct information on the subject,

* "Essays on the Natural History and Origin of Peat Moss: the peculiar Qualities of that substance; the means of improving it as a soil; the methods of converting it into a manure; and other economical purposes to which it may be converted. 1808." 8vo.

I hope that your Lordship will forgive me for dropping these few lines as I depart from Ireland.

"If my work ever falls into your Lordship's hands, I hope you will correct any errors with regard to the petrifications, &c. of Loch Neagh. By doing so you may serve the public, and confer a most singular favour on your Lordship's most obedient, faithful servant, ROB. RENNIE."

Lord ELLENBOROUGH* to Bishop PERCY.

"St. James's Square, Dec. 3, 1810.

"Lord Ellenborough presents his compliments to the Bishop of Dromore, and, in deference to his Lordship's recommendation, very readily subscribes for himself and Lady Ellenborough for the picture mentioned in the within Proposals. He has lately received from Ireland a picture by the deceased artist, Mr. Robinson, of his brother the Bishop of Elphin;† it is some likeness of him, but not a very good one; and Lord Ellenborough has some intention of having it retouched, and, if possible, improved here. He begs to be informed when and where he may pay his subscriptions in England; he could contrive, if necessary, to have the money paid for him in Ireland by Mr. Hackett, the late Bishop of Elphin's executor."

Bishop PERCY to Mr. JOHN JONES.

"SIR,

Saturday.

"I received the favour of your packet, which contains a great deal of good advice for the discharge of my duty as a *Bishop*, and calls upon me by many arguments, which were not wanted, to do that which I never omit (as you say, you discovered by accident, after your letter was written). In return for so much kindness, I hope you will allow me to offer one piece of advice to you, as an *author*, which is, never to descant on any subject relating to matter of fact, till you know whether the fact exists; much less pass a censure, till you are sure it is deserved.

* Sir Edward Law, Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench; created Baron Ellenborough in 1802; died Dec. 13, 1818. See memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* for Jan. 1819, p. 83.

† Bishop John Law. See *Literary Illustrations*, vol VII. p. 703.

"A little inquiry would have informed you that the Bishops are now stipulating with Trinity College for an improvement in the preparation of candidates for orders, by requiring them to attend lectures and read books (of which the Bishops are delivering in a list), which cannot but operate to the benefit of the Church. T. DROMORE."

1811.

Mrs. WEST to Bishop PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD,

Doncaster, Nov. 18, 1810.

"As, with proper attention to the laws of our God and our country, we have only travelled one stage to day, and find my head so clear as to be able to form an intelligible letter, I am resolved no longer to repress the feelings of gratitude and pleasure which arise from recollecting my most agreeable visit to Dromore. I shall ever treasure in my mind the scenery, the inhabitants, the kindnesses I received, and the information I acquired: in the last respect I have to lament that this high treat was not afforded me at an earlier period of my life, before my brain became too dry to retain the instruction, to which I still listen with eagerness, but with only a limited power of converting it into mental stores. Had it been my lot to have passed a part of my early life where I might have occasionally enjoyed your conversation, I flatter myself I should have been better deserving the commendations which your partiality now bestows upon me. Shall I say, fortunately forgetting that constellation of wit, science, and learning, among which you passed your early life, you kindly consider me, not as what I am, but as what I might have been, had my situation permitted me to devote myself entirely to the Muses, instead of having my mind occupied with cares, and my hands with the needle? If a more intimate acquaintance with my character has not destroyed the illusion which the oddity of a writing housewife imparted to my works, I shall call myself truly fortunate, and will hope to be remembered by your Lordship and the much-respected inhabitants of Dromore in the light of a friend, highly flattered by the attention so liberally bestowed, and desirous, as far as my small power extends, to shew that they are not bestowed on an

ungrateful or unreflecting character. As long as my mind possesses the powers of discrimination, I must consider the month I spent at Dromore as one of the pleasant epochs of my life.

"You recollect, my Lord, the conversations I frequently held with you, respecting the sort of publication to which I should next direct my attention, and I still adhere to the idea of a novel, formed on a plan to recommend loyal and constitutional principles: the date to be about the time of the great Rebellion. As the plan of most of my former novels was to condemn what was wrong, I felt obliged by principle to give a melancholy termination; but, as in this my leading aim would be to recommend what is right, of course I must attach such a share of good fortune to correct principles as will induce imitation on worldly motives; my novel must therefore spin out to the Restoration. If in the books that are read to you, or from the stores of your own mind, any hints should arise that might assist me, or if you should recollect any author who would guide me in the adaptation of manners suited to that age, I will rely on your goodness to let me know.

"In determining to think of a novel, I do not lose sight of the poem Mr. Boyd named to me. It is often a relief, when writing a long work, to take off the mind to another; and a line of poetry and prose intermingled will make a sort of layer pudding, which I think excellent food. If therefore Mr. Boyd could, without much trouble (or any unfairness to the designs of another author), procure me a sight of Deardra, I should feel an addition to the obligations which I received from his politeness when at Dromore.

"Most truly and devotedly, your most obedient servant,
and obliged friend,

JANE WEST."

Bishop PERCY to Mrs. WEST.

"Jan. 5, 1811.

"The Bishop of Dromore presents his kind respects to Mrs. West, whose obliging letter from Doncaster, containing a very entertaining and interesting account of her travels through Scotland and the North of England, ought long since to have been acknowledged; but he deferred writing, in hopes something might occur to him on the subject of her next intended novel, which she so

judiciously proposes shall afford an encouragement for loyalty and a reward for merit, by terminating happily in some worthy sufferer for the Royal cause, from the prosperous result of the Restoration. The more he has considered the subject, the more he is convinced of its propriety and adaptation to her views, as well as to the present times; yet no particular incident or character for her choice has fallen within his notice since she left him; but Lord Clarendon's History of the Rebellion might probably afford her both. That excellent writer, whom Warburton calls 'Lord Chancellor of Human Nature,' has given so large a display of the events which occurred at that period, and so copious a delineation of the characters concerned in it, that Mrs. West will probably find something of each fit for her purpose.

"Mrs. West has doubtless been secretly diverted with the Bishop's fondness for genealogical researches. She will not therefore be surprised if he is not a little proud that his young grandchildren are lineally descended from that great statesman and historian; for Lady Clanwilliam's grandmother was daughter of Edward Earl of Clarendon, his immediate descendant and representative.

"On the subject of Deardra, Mr. Boyd fears it will not be in his power to comply with her wishes, much as he would be desirous to gratify them, for Mr. Stott has already appropriated the subject, and made a considerable advance in its completion; but if he can discover any other original production of the old Irish Bards he will secure it for her, being at all times happy to obey her commands, as indeed will be every person here, who will always remember with pleasure the entertainment and instruction they derived from her conversation. Mr. Stott, who is one of her very sincere admirers, dined here yesterday, and expressed in very strong terms the pleasure he has derived from her 'Refusal,' which he has been perusing, and in which he observed with great justice the nice discriminations of character and the very superior knowledge of the human passions displayed in that work. He is forming a selection of his little poetical Escapes, which will form an elegant repast for a reader of taste."

"Dromore, Ireland, August 1, 1811.

"The Bishop of Dromore presents his kind respects to Mrs. West, whose very obliging and interesting letter ought long since to have been acknowledged, but he has been much engaged by private and public business, which, under his present privation, occupies more of his time and requires more of his attention than heretofore, so that he hopes she will indulgently pardon his delay in writing.

"Since Mrs. Isted's arrival here, he was happy to see, by a letter of Mrs. West to her, that she seemed to have better spirits than when she wrote to himself, and he can assure her of her having always his most cordial wishes for her health and happiness, and that of her family.

"In her letter to Mrs. Isted, Mrs. West mentions her having perused the 'Letters of Miss Seward,' which have but lately come to the Bishop's hands, and it gave him pleasure to observe her disposed to do justice to the genius of Mrs. West, and express so much regard for her amiable friend Mr. Christopher Smith; but he wishes he could have extended his approbation to all the other parts of this voluminous publication, in which he is concerned to observe such a display of vanity, egotism, and, it grieves him to add, malignity, as is scarce compensated for by the better parts of her epistles. Her abuse of Mr. Pitt,* and her presuming to condemn the measures of Government without knowing the reasons that influenced His Majesty's Council; and especially the gross terms in which she censures the union of this country with England—one of the wisest and best measures ever accomplished by any Administration,—are surely extremely censurable. Yet her illiberal treatment of the memory of Dr. Johnson so repeatedly in her volumes is still more so; for she represents him of such low and mean origin as scarce fit to be admitted to Mr. Walmsley's table, whereas his father was a respectable bookseller in Lichfield, and his mother was the sister of a clergyman of some note. Then Johnson married a widow, whose son was upon the point of being united to Miss Seward's sister, which was only prevented by her sudden death. She accuses him of envy, and of

* "She even accuses Burke of apostacy, for his noble exertions to check the democratic spirit which began to prevail in England at the time of the French Revolution."

the lowest and basest passions, which the writer of this, from long intimacy, can pronounce to be false. That he was not altogether free from prejudice, and would sometimes deliver his sentiments with unguarded asperity, is true; but no man was actuated by stronger benevolence, nor would make greater exertions to serve the distressed, and he was, upon the whole, so superior a character, not only in talents, but in religion and virtue, that it is difficult to account for her gross misrepresentations of him, unless, what is not improbable, that he had reproved her for her very improper attachment to Saville, one of the singing-men of Lichfield Cathedral, which had excited such censure among the most respectable clergy there, that the Bishop's nephew, Dr. Percy, who had been introduced to the Dean, the Honourable Dr. Proby, brother of Lord Carysfort, assured the Bishop that he and his family had ceased to visit her; and it is probable, from the same cause, she speaks of parsons and of the hierarchy with such disrespect, though she herself was the daughter of a canon residentiary. It is indeed observable, that while she is endeavouring to attach the ladies of Llangollen, Mr. Walter Scott, and one or two more, by the most flattering attentions, she treats others, who had been her most intimate friends, with great unkindness, and even exposes, in letters which she meant for publication, events in their families which ought never to have been brought forward to public recollection. Thus she records the separation of Mr. Hayley and his wife, and the criminal misconduct of her friend Mr. Whaley's niece, &c. &c.

"The cruel censure which the former must see on his 'Triumph of Music,'* would be sufficiently mortifying without that wound of his private feelings.

"Her critical remarks, though sometimes acute, are not always judicious; as might be easily shown. She classes Shakespeare along with Milton and other epic writers; she unites the pastorals of Ambrose Philips and Gay, though the former were meant to give the pure pastoral simplicity, and the latter a burlesque on them. In mentioning the poets of her time, after enumerating those of England and Scotland, she represents Ireland as totally deficient in writers of this class, utterly forgetting Goldsmith, whose two best poems have been thought not

* "Triumph of Music, a Poem. By W. Hayley, Esq. 1804." 4to.

inferior to any in our language, and also that her favourite dramatist Jephson* wrote other poems besides his Tragedies. She finds great fault with the elegant simplicity of Addison's style in the 'Spectator;' and no wonder, for nothing can be more opposite to her own, which exhibits such turgid and distorted phrases as the following: *manified, womanized, also pleasantness, direness, seldomness*. She talks of the *giantism* of Shakespeare, of the *frostism* of Bishop Hurd, and has many other similar new-coined words, as *technicisms, incendiariism, grandmotherism, &c. &c.*

"Although there seems some cause to complain of Dr. Darwin, for inserting in his 'Botanic Garden' the lines he had printed with her name in the 'Gentleman's Magazine,'† which, to do her justice, she mentions without resentment in her Life of that writer, yet Dr. Anderson has informed the Bishop that Sir Brooke Boothby, who is now in Edinburgh, has assured him that Dr. Darwin new-wrote those lines himself from the short copy of verses by Miss Seward on his garden at Lichfield; and also affirms, on his own knowledge, that Darwin either originated, or wrote over almost anew, the greatest part of the elegy on Captain Cook, which he never reclaimed.

"Upon the whole, it were to be wished that she had suffered all her letters, as she did those annexed to her poetry, to go to the press under the superintendence of Mr. Walter Scott, who would then have struck out, as he did in the above, all these personal reflections, so painful to the feelings of her friends and others, and so injurious to her own character.

"The Bishop heard with great pleasure of the happy unions of Mrs. Cockayne's daughters with Dr. Adams and Mr. T. P. Maunsell. The pleasing circumstances of these marriages, and the characters of the bridegrooms, have been the subject of much agreeable conversation with the Bishop of Cloyne,‡ who lately spent two days here, and who will doubtless see Mr. Maunsell and his bride in their tour through the South of Ireland. It would have given great pleasure to all this family to have received them here, but the distance of two or three hundred miles precludes all hope of so agreeable a visit.

* Robert Jephson. See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. 3.

† See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 215.

‡ Bp. Bennett.

"*Seward's Letters*, Vol. 5, p. 294.—From this strong expression it may be inferred that she had attempted to attract the notice, perhaps the correspondence, of that eminent critic, who was for several years Bishop of Lichfield,* while her father rented his palace there, but, failing in her attempt, she elsewhere styles his criticisms *dogmas*.

"She abuses Johnson for omitting Chatterton in his 'Lives of the Poets,' although at that time many maintained, and some still believe, that he was not the Author, but only Editor of the poems ascribed to Rowley, which she so much admires.

"It will be observed that after the visit paid Miss Seward by Dr. Mansel, now Bishop of Bristol, who expressed such veneration for the memory of Johnson, she mentions him with more respect.

"Mr. Nares will have no great reason to be flattered with what she has said of him; vide *Letters* 59, 64."

Mrs. WEST to Bp. PERCY.

"MY DEAR LORD,

August 22, 1811.

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"I have lately been accumulating my stores, preparatory to the work I have so long meditated, and yesterday wrote about two hours of a something of an Introduction, which I shall reconsider, and perhaps blot out. But I have ever found beginning a very important step in the business of composition. My natural character makes me very averse to leaving anything half done, so perhaps I may find some tolerably favourable ideas; and five hundred and ninety-eight more hours' leisure to modify, set down, correct, rearrange, and retranscribe them; for such is the process my novels go through, and such the time they usually cost me. My two standard works, the *Letters to T. West* and *Miss Maunsell*, were much more laborious.

"My work will I predict be very serious. The wings of my gaiety have been clipped, the history of the times I date in, and the moral purposes of my work, preclude jocularly: beside, in writing of a period long past, scenes of humour would require that intimate acquaintance with

* Bishop Hurd

the manners and costume of past times, which far exceeds my knowledge, or my ability of acquisition. My assistants are Clarendon, Wordsworth's Ecclesiastical Biography, Walton's Lives, and Malcolm's Anecdotes. Mrs. Prudentia Homespun, your Lordship knows, is dead and buried. I knew how to manage her calash and cane, but what to do with the ruff and farthingale I scarce know: however I will attempt it, and will hide my ignorance under the prudent caution of avoiding *minutiæ*.

"The commencement of a new sovereign's reign would not be an unpropitious epoch for the appearance of such a work as I meditate. How calamitous must be the situation of our venerable King, when even his most devoted and attached subjects have nothing to wish but his speedy translation to a better world; except also that his virtues and principles of action may fall like the Prophet's mantle on the Elisha who will be anointed to fill his place. Has your Lordship heard the very serious view of the dangers which threaten the Establishment given by the Bishop of Lichfield* in his Charge? I only saw the account in the papers; but of this I am certain, that as sectarianism makes rapid strides among the lower orders, so a marked change takes place in their manners. I do not say that their teachers are Jacobins, or they republicans. I believe they care little what the form of government is, but the levelling principle speaks most intelligibly in the hatred or contempt for their immediate superiors which their manners express, and in their claim of right to choose their religion, their pastor, their mode of thinking and acting; in short, reverse the answer in the catechism, and teach the middle classes, who have much to do with the labouring poor, to behave themselves lowly and reverently to all their inferiors, and you will form a correct notion of the manners of a country village. Since the church has been deserted for those who call themselves Gospel preachers, this inversion of courtesy has gradually increased; and who now dares talk of creeds and establishments, of spiritual pastors, and the sin of schism? none but those who possess that apathy, or that hardihood to brave the terrific accusation of bigotry, illiberality, want

* Hon. James Cornwallis; Bishop of Lichfield, 1781; Dean of Windsor, 1791; and Dean of Durham, 1794. He succeeded to the Earldom of Cornwallis on the death of the last Marquess Cornwallis in 1823, and died Jan. 20, 1824, in his 81st year. See Gent. Mag. XCIII. ii. 178; XCIV. i. 279.

of benevolence, and a long *et cetera* of abuse, in which our philosophical reformers trade by wholesale.

“I trust your Lordship need not be told that neither myself nor the excellent friend whose early loss I shall ever deplore, subscribed to the political or religious tenets of Miss Seward. In many points he corrected my formerly erroneous notions. My Letters to my Son were perused, corrected, and most warmly approved by him; especially in the theological part. Indeed I think so ill of this lady’s principles, and in some points of her moral conduct too, that I allow she richly deserves even the severe punishment of your anathema. As to her prose style I know not what to call it; I agree with you it is not English: and as to her abuse of Johnson, granting that he was the malevolent creature she asserts, (which I never thought, and fully take your testimony to the contrary,) still in her vindictive enmity she out-Herods Herod. Yet the sweetness and sublimity of the most part of her poetry; her wit and taste, not always pure indeed, but always original and ingenious; the ardour with which she supports the cause of genius; her perfect freedom from envy—witness her zeal for Mr. Scott, Southey, Jephson, &c.—her acute sensibility, and elegant manners, entitle her I think to as high a place as the Ninon de l’Enclos, or Madame Deffand, of France. Suffer me then, my dear Lord, to beg that your critical ban may be confined to Anna Seward, awkwardly tricked out in the Jacobin scratch and smallclothes of Catharine Macaulay and Mary Woolstonecroft; but let candour pity and taste admire the British Sappho, ‘her loose locks waving in the wind,’ hanging up her votive harp in the Temple of Apollo. There was a Phaon, I know; and after his death Sappho settled 100*l.* a-year on his widow, and amply provided for his daughter. Her fortune was very handsome, and in her latter years she lived at Lichfield in an elegant hospitable way, much admired by strangers, patronising genius, and quarreling with all who contradicted her.

“I have scarce room to ask if you have read ‘Psyche,’ an allegorical poem in the Spenserean stanza, written by an Irish lady who died young? It is poetical, moral, and sweetly plaintive, but has not interested me so much as Campbell’s ‘Gertrude of Wyoming,’ which is in the same measure.

JANE WEST.”

Mrs. WEST to Mr. NICHOLS.

“ November, 1811.

“ Mrs. West presents her best compliments to Mr. Nichols, and requests he will insert the following tribute to one whom he so justly styles an excellent prelate, in his next number. She had the honour and happiness of spending a month at Dromore last autumn, and witnessed at once the worth and popularity of her lamented friend. So he had long been to her, and to numbers who join in deploring the loss of an eminent and a good man.

“ *To the Memory of the Right Reverend THOMAS PERCY, late Lord Bishop of DROMORE, who died September 30, 1811. By Mrs. WEST.*

“ If Fancy sculpture o'er the Poet's dust
A guardian genius jealous of its trust ;
If civic crowns the Patriot's worth record,
Or palms denote the servant of the Lord ;
Let PERCY'S urn these blended symbols claim,
To mark the Poet's, Saint's, and Patriot's name :
He with nice taste the minstrel's harp restrung,
And prais'd the feudal chiefs from whom he sprung :
Grav'd in his youth on Britain's classic page,
A mild Mæcenæ in his happy age :
By genius rais'd, to genius still a friend,
He grac'd the patronage he lov'd to lend ;
Pleas'd to converse of SHENSTONE'S flowing strain,
Great JOHNSON'S depth, and GOLDSMITH'S pleasant vein,
Till buried sages seem'd to hover nigh,
And give the vision of an age gone by.

Yet higher praise is due to PERCY'S bier,
More than the filial or the grateful tear !
'Twas not enough that, kind and unprov'd,
The needy blest him, and his kindred lov'd :
He, when Rebellion rous'd her murderous host,
Stood firm, a Christian bishop at his post ;
Preserv'd his flock from Faction's wild alarms,
And died at last a Patriarch in their arms :
True to the trust the Master-Shepherd gave,
He only dropt his crosier at the grave.
Nor let us wonder that his dying bed
Still like his life benign instruction shed ;
When in full prospect of the mortal strife,
He took a tranquil retrospect of life ;
Nor fear'd the vale his Saviour once had trod,
But saw in death a passport to his God.

Be such thy Pastors, Britain, and defy
The tempest brooding in thy darken'd sky ;
Embrace thy brother man in every zone,
Whate'er his faith ; but firmly keep thine own.
Thy wise forefathers, when they made thee great,
Bound fast the Mitre to thy Regal state.

Gay Erin, oft the wily traitor's spoil,
 Asks other Percys of her sister-isle;
 Tho' hard to rule, and eager to contend,
 Her own warm heart discern'd and lov'd her friend;
 Who taught her, by example's guiding light,
 That man's best privilege is acting right.

November 7, 1811.

JANE WEST."

Verses on the death of the Right Reverend Dr. THOMAS PERCY, Bishop of Dromore, who died September 30, 1811. Written partly the day after his death. By the Rev. HENRY BOYD.

O grief on grief! my sighs upon the gale
 Were wafted long, and long my heart has bled!
 How drear yon death-sound rolls along the vale,
 And sternly sings a noble spirit fled!

And from the dust a voice shall answer thee,*
 Stern sound! for lowly now the Muse is laid
 That used, in numbers artless, wild, and free,
 To chant at ease in PERCY's laureate shade.

Her plumage on the ground is scatter'd wide,
 And like yon withering leaves of Autumn lie,
 On which she us'd the buoyant air to ride,
 And catch its visions with enraptur'd eye.

Some from the mind, like morning dreams, are past,
 Soon swallow'd up in Lethe's flood profound;
 Some, while the mind survives, shall ever last
 When busts of heroes fall, by Time uncrown'd.

No airy fabrick, by poetic hands
 Built on the fleeting rock, ensures their fame:
 On an eternal base their temple stands;
 And light empyreal crowns the lofty frame.

O could I from my bosom pluck awhile
 The rankling point of long-consuming woe!
 The noble subject might my cares beguile,
 Though varied pains a sad relief bestow.

It will not be!—nor is it mine to sing
 In falt'ring notes, and to a lyre unstrung,
 Of PERCY's worth; it asks a bolder wing,
 And spirits to support no vulgar song.

And yet he rescued me! from dire alarms
 He bore me, like a wounded man, away.†
 Thus the bold Greek, amid the clash of arms,‡
 From Telamon repell'd the doomful day.

* Alluding to a domestic affliction of the author.

† The family of the author, during the Rebellion of Ireland in 1798, were in peculiar danger in the Southern parts of Ireland, when the late Bishop bestowed on him the vicarage of Rathfreland, in a more secure, and peaceable part of the country.

‡ Homer's Iliad, II.

And when Sedition in a sullen pause
 Waited again the baleful trump to blow;
 When nightly Rapine scorn'd th' insulted laws,
 And banded traitors call'd the hostile prow;
 Safe in that holy guard whose cohort bright*
 Encamp'd around his walls, I pass'd my hours;
 And long, for many a happy social night,
 Saw his great mind expand its varied powers.
 Together oft the sacred page we turn'd,
 And sages deep of old and modern days,
 Or conn'd some lofty lay, while Fancy burn'd,
 And Winter seem'd to bloom with fadeless bays.
 Ev'n He, who with the prime of England's boast
 For science, taste, and worth, had spent his years,—
 Names far renown'd on every sea-beat coast
 Where Commerce o'er the wave her treasure steers;
 Who still in that bright circle might have pass'd
 His tranquil days, and heard the distant storm;
 Yet, like GOD'S SOLDIER, at the warning blast
 He came, and boldly fac'd the grim alarm.
 When others fled, he came at duty's call;
 When others crouch'd, he stood, as well became
 A PERCY's dauntless heart, when Rome and Gaul
 Arous'd the rebel horde with loud acclaim.
 'Twas more than honour led him to his post,—
 'Twas more than danger from the brandish'd blade
 Or whistling ball; for from the Stygian host
 A Dæmon Troop their sable flag display'd.†
 And many an imp, with dire, fallacious light,
 Like wandering fires, their victims led afar
 Through fatal snares and shades of mental night,
 Far from the guidance of Emmanuel's star.
 As men they sunk, but rose like demons soon,
 Baptiz'd in Styx, yet kept their human form,
 And dealt around the soul-degrading boon
 That levels manhood with the trodden worm.
 Not for Heaven's fire the reverend Warrior pray'd
 To blast their bands, but sought a sacred ray
 To light his lamp, and to their view display'd
 That beam which shows the new and living way.
 Such splendours issued from Ithuriel's lance
 When to his shape the MASTER-FIEND return'd,
 And, all astounded at the Seraph's glance,
 With dread, and baffled rage, and envy burn'd.

* The author spent in the Bishop's house the winter of 1798 and the spring of 1799, when the second intended invasion of Ireland was defeated by Sir John Borlase Warren.

† The Bishop's efforts to counteract the pernicious influence of the works of Volney and Paine, his personal exertions, his charges to his clergy, his distribution of the Scriptures and other religious tracts, his encouragement of literary societies, and, above all, his encouragement of *Sunday schools*, will be long remembered with gratitude in the North of Ireland.

He broke the snare of many a thoughtless soul
 Which led them to the deadly gulf along ;
 He call'd, and, aided by the strong control
 Of grace, reclaim'd them from the captive throng.

But chief those babes, whom else the cruel hands
 Of fiends had, with Herodian rage, destroy'd,
 He rescued from the dark Tartarean bands,
 And heavenly arms, to foil their rage, supplied.

His great forefather, when the moony shield *
 He raised against the Hagarenes of old,
 N'er gain'd such glory in the fighting field
 When Jordan's streams with bloody billows roll'd.

No mortal Muse (though well he lov'd the Muse)
 Could sing his triumphs in the fields of Faith.
 Sad sisters ! ye may sit with tresses loose :
 Your garlands hang upon the house of Death.

A deeper glow than e'er your bosoms prov'd
 Long shall survive in many a grateful breast
 For that good Pastor, loving and belov'd,
 Ah ! never in this heart to be suppress'd.

No lifeless figures at his gate were seen,
 But there his almoner, with look humane,
 Stood the pale ranks of Poverty between,
 And fill'd those hands that ne'er were stretch'd in vain.

Alas ! the freezing current in my veins
 Forbids me on thy varied worth to dwell ;
 Oft thy bland smile inspir'd my cheerful strains :
 They're gone with thee—lamented friend, farewell !

Hilltown, co. Down, Ireland.

H. BOYD.

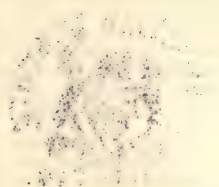
* The moon is part of the armorial bearing of the Percy family, from the circumstance of an extraordinary light said to have been reflected by the shield of a warrior of that family, in a nocturnal engagement with the Saracens in Palestine, during the Crusades.

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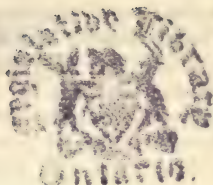
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P. 3. It is stated in this page that the elder Mr. William Bowyer, the printer, was born in 1663, the only son of Mr. John Bowyer, who died shortly after his birth, when the widow and child were taken by her only brother, William King, to his own home. It would thus be presumed that Mr. John Bowyer had no other child.

But, in the History of Cleveland, by the late Mr. John Walker Ord, mention is thus made of a very curious collection of papers found by that gentleman among the title-deeds of an estate in the parish of Danby, which had been the property of Ann Prudhome, who married the younger W. Bowyer, the learned printer, and which passed by the will of his son, Mr. T. Bowyer, to Mr. Francis Mewburn of Durham, and is now the property of his son, Francis Mewburn, esq. of Darlington—

“ That the elder Mr. William Bowyer, the printer, was a man of considerable ability, is evident from the controversial skill displayed in a theological controversy with his sister, and a Roman Catholic priest who assisted and defended her.”

The originals of this controversy were, in 1845, in the possession of Mr. Ord, who thus notices them in his History, p. 340—

“ Attached to the first letter to his sister, in the handwriting of his grandson, are these memoranda :

“ Papers that passed between W. Bowyer, printer, in White Friars, Fleet-street, London, and his sister, who died a professed nun of the order of Poor Clares, at Dunkirk.

“ Remain in the hands of Tho. Bowyer, grandson of the above W. Bowyer.

“ 1. Small box, representing the history of the Prodigal.

“ The coat of arms, and the crest thereto, of W. Bowyer and the Prudhome family.

"3. A pocket book with the coat of arms of the Bowyer family; the arms much defaced by time.

"A green silk purse with a steel spring, worked.

"The above articles, all done by the said nun, and presented to the Bowyer family; who went by the name of Elizabeth Ross."

Mr. Ord kindly communicated to me the subject-matter of the letters, which are dated from Oct. 1696 to June 1697, and comprise—

"I. Wm. Bowyer's first letter to his sister, which is occupied chiefly with a reply to certain points mooted at a *Conference* which had taken place, wherein Mr. Duncomb, probably a Roman Catholic priest, had advocated the doctrines of Popery. It argues the main errors of Rome—infallibility of the Pope, tradition, apostolical succession, purgatory, invocation of saints, transubstantiation, confession, absolution, &c.

"II. A reply to Letter I. ably written; the argument conducted with great care by Mr. Duncomb, or some learned friend, and discharges very heavy artillery against Mr. Bowyer.

"III. W. Bowyer's reply. A work of immense care and labour. Part of this is imperfect; the leaves were all thrown about and disarranged. I have succeeded in classifying the greater part, but a few leaves at the conclusion are wanting, and a small portion is injured. The whole of the MS. which treats of the pretended lenity of the Roman Church, and transubstantiation, is quite perfect; also, a considerable part of the discussion of 'tradition,' with numerous notes and headings."

"Some brief, powerful, learned letters, addressed to Mr. Bowyer, (on one of them, to 'Mr. Bowyer, at Mr. Daniel Sheldon's, in St. Bartholomew's Close, near West Smithfield, London,') dated from Jan. to June, 1697, the period of this controversy. These letters are written by A. Hodgson, apparently a clergyman."

It would thus appear that Mr. John Bowyer and Mary King, noticed in the *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. I. p. 3, had a daughter as well as their only son William. This, it seems, was unknown to Mr. Nichols. She was evidently a woman of considerable mind, but was unfortunately drawn over to Popery—a subject much in discussion at the close of the seventeenth century—and died a poor nun of St. Clare, in which character she appears, in Mr. T. Bowyer's memoranda, to have been known by the name of Elizabeth Ross. Is it usual for nuns to assume a different surname, as well as Christian name, on their profession?

As I entertained doubts whether Mr. Ord might not have been mistaken in supposing the nun to have been a sister of Mr. Bowyer, I sent an inquiry to the *Gentleman's Magazine*, which appeared in February 1854, but produced no reply.

The following Pedigree will show the connection of the Bowyers and the families with whom they intermarried. See also *Lit. Anecd.* III. 279.

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John Bowyer, citizen = Mary, dau. of Wm. King, citizen and vintner,
and grocer of London. of the King's Head Tavern in the Poultry.*

1. Benjamin Alport, bookseller. = Dorothy Dawkes, born March 6, 1664; died Dec. 20, 1727, aged 63. = 2. Wm. Bowyer, senior, printer, born 1663, died 1737, aged 74.

<p>A daughter, marr. in Dec. 1712, James Bettenham, printer; he died Feb. 6, 1774, aged 91;† she died Dec. 1716, aged 30.</p>	<p>1. Anne Prudom, dau. of Thomas Prudom, of London, citizen and fishmonger, also of Danby, co. York; she died Oct. 17, 1731.</p>	<p>William Bowyer, the learned printer, born Dec. 19, 1699; died Nov. 18, 1777, aged 78; he marr. 2dly, Aug. 21, 1747, Elizabeth Bell, who di. Jan. 14, 1771, aged 70.</p>	<p>Peter Wallis, jeweller, Fleet Street, died 1743 or 4.</p>	<p>Dorothy Bowyer, died April 14, 1731, aged 23.</p>
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2 or 3 children, who all died young.

1. William Bowyer, died an infant. 2. Thomas Bowyer, born Sept. 5, 1730; died Dec. 27, 1783, leaving his estates at Leyton and Danby to his mother's relation Francis Mewburn, esq.

P. 4, note, l. 14. In 1716, the Evening Post appears to have been called the Evening General Post; afterwards for about a century it was well known as the General Evening Post; and it is existing now as the St. James's Chronicle and General Evening Post.

P. 45, note, l. 6, for "1703," r. "1702."

P. 52, note, l. 2 from bottom, for "1733," r. "1732-3."

P. 60, note, l. 5, r. "Mr. John Harris."

P. 61, l. 26, for "Mr. Donall," r. "Mr. Dorrell."

P. 73, note, l. 9 from bottom, r. "afterwards Sir John Bosworth."

P. 84, note, l. 5 from bottom, r. "p. 275."

P. 94, l. 9, for "Bridges's," r. "Brydges's."

P. 104, l. 18, omit the reference "*" after "noted."

P. 104, l. 5 from bottom, for "Libra," r. "Libri," and for "E. D." r. "Ed."

P. 111, last line of *note, and p. 112, first line of note, for "Nepier's," r. "Napier's."

P. 119, note, l. 6. The widow of the Rev. Henry Cantrell became the second wife of the Master of Derby School, the Rev. Anthony Blackwall. See p. 123.

P. 123, note, l. 22, r. "the Rev. Henry Cantrell." See p. 119.

P. 144. Of Mr. Ray and his MSS. see Literary Illustrations, vol. IV. p. 771, and Index to Literary Illustrations, p. 91.

P. 145, l. 20, r. "Physica Aristotelica Modernæ accommodator.

* From William King, a brother of this lady, was descended the family of Emerson, printers, one of whom, James, was Mr. Bowyer's partner. See Lit. Anec. VII. Index, 125, 277.

† See Lit. Anec. I. 65.

Authore Gulielmo Taswell, D.D." The Autobiography of Dr. Taswell, with anecdotes of his family and literary works, has been published in the second volume of the Camden Miscellany, 1852.

P. 151, note, l. 12, r. "by Mr. Gough, one of the oldest," &c.

P. 178, note, l. 14, after "his eldest son," add "John." Of his second son, Thomas, see Literary Illustrations, vol. III. p. 187; and Index to Literary Anecdotes, VII. 332, where for "eldest," read "second son."

P. 186, end of note, 3 lines from bottom, add "see p. 559."

P. 206, end of note, add "see vol. IX. p. 781."

P. 226, note, l. 4, for a memoir of Bishop John Green, see Chalmers's Biographical Dictionary.

P. 227, l. 2, add note, "Roper, Joseph; see vol. II. p. 46."—L. 5, add "John Pierce, M.A. 1778."—Last line, for "Broom," r. "Brome;" and note, second line from bottom, begin with "Query, John Brome, fellow of St. John's College, B.A."

P. 252, l. 20. The number printed of the Castrations of Holinshed was 200, and 50 on fine paper.

P. 261. Add to the books printed in 1723, "Materia Medica Botanica, in qua Symptomata variorum morborum describuntur, Herbæque iisdem depellendis aptissimæ apponuntur, tam quæ in nostris hic sponte oris, quam quæ in aliis orbis regionibus nascuntur: Plantæ Exoticæ, sive Alienigenæ, numero plûs quadringentæ quantum ad omnes partes ex peritissimis Botanices Authoribus, ut Raio, Tournefortio, &c. accuratissimè describuntur. Variæ Episodiæ, ornatûs causâ, intertexuntur. Octingentis, præter propter, carminibus Latinis Hexametris totum opus constat. Authore G(ilberto) Knowles. Londini: Typis Guil. Bowyer: Prostant apud Guil. Lewis Bibliopolam in vico dicto Russel-Street, Covent-Garden. 1723." 4to. pp. 252.

It is a Latin poem on the above subject and contains 7355 lines, besides Index and Catalogues of Plants in Latin and English, that are and are not described in the poem. It is dedicated to Dr. Richard Mead. In the preface, the author says, if this book succeeds, he has another ready, intituled, "Phytologia Britannica," and had commenced a third, to be entitled "Phytologia Extranea." Prefixed to the volume is a mezzotinto portrait, painted by T. Murray and engraved by John Faber: "Mr. Gilbert Knowles, ætatis 49, anno 1723."

The only notices that have occurred of the author are the following :

"In our own country in 1723 George (Gilbert) Knowles described 400 plants of the Materia Medica in Latin verse, and didactically applied them to their uses in medicine." (*Pulteney's Sketch of Botany*, i. p. 282.)

"I cannot discover any traces of this Botanist and Poet, either in Cibber's 'Lives of the Poets,' or Hutchinson's 'Biographia Medica,' or indeed in any other of our biographical works. The name of Knowles is known in Kent, but whether he was of that

county I am unable to determine." (*Noble's Granger*, iii. p. 305.)

P. 262, l. 19, for "Feb. 8," r. "Feb. 18."

P. 288, l. 7, for "Olivarius," r. "Oricellarius de Bello Italico." "It is a thin quarto volume, published by Brindley for the first time from a MS. procured by Henry D'Avenant, esq. Envoy Extraordinary in Italy, upon the subject of the expedition of Charles VIII. into that country, drawn up in language generally terse and classical. F. WRANGHAM."

In vol. VII. Index, p. 300, for "Olivarius," r. "Oricellarius."

P. 304, note, l. 28, for "so lately as July 27, 1803," r. "four days only before his death."

P. 309, note, l. 10, *dele* "of."

P. 330. For a fac-simile of Selden's inscription, see Mr. Cartwright's "History of Bramber," p. 7; and the Gentleman's Magazine for Sept. 1834, p. 257. It has been thus translated:

"Thou'rt welcome, honest friend! walk in, make free;

Thief, get thee hence, I open not to thee."

P. 337, 4 lines from bottom, for "Tilseley," r. "Tillesley."

P. 380, note, l. 4, for "Cominius," r. "Comenius."

P. 389, note, l. 3, r. Arms, Or, a bend vair, cotised sable, *Bowyer*; impaling, Azure, three lion's heads erased or;" and l. 6, "Motto: Non eget Mauri jaculis neque arcu."

P. 437, note, l. 4, after "Abp. Sharp," add "see p. 8."

P. 466. The following particulars of Dr. John Hildrop and his family, were communicated by Magnus Whitegrave to the Gentleman's Magazine for 1834, ii. 114. "The first notice that I have is the presentation of John Hildrop, gent., 14th Sept. 1703, by Thomas Earl of Ailesbury, to the Mastership of the Royal Free Grammar School at Marlborough, vacant by the death of John Watton, gent. Mr. William Stone was appointed to the said Mastership, 4th Dec. 1733, by Charles Lord Bruce, on the resignation of Mr. John Hildrop. Mr. Hildrop held the rectory of Maulden, co. Beds. his resignation of which is dated 23d March 1733-4. The institution of John Hildrop, A.M., to the rectory of Wath, near Ripon, on the presentation of Charles Lord Bruce, took place 13th April, 1734; and he was succeeded there, on his death in 1756, by Cuthbert Allanson, A.B. Dr. Hildrop was the author of the following publications: 1. An Essay for the better Regulation and Improvement of Free Thinking. In a Letter to a Friend, 1739. 2. The Contempt of the Clergy considered. In a Letter to a Friend, 1739. 3. An Essay on Honour, 1741. 4. A Commentary on the Second Psalm, 1742. 5. Free Thoughts upon the Brute Creation, or an Examination of Father Bougeant's Philosophical Amusements, &c. In two Letters to a Lady, 1742. 6. A Letter to a Member of Parliament, containing a Proposal for bringing in a Bill to revise, amend, or repeal certain obsolete Statutes, commonly called the Ten Commandments, 1745; which in a short time ran through

six editions. 7. A Modest Apology for the antient honourable Family of the Wrongheads. 8. Memoirs of the Life of Simon Shallow, esq. The registers of the parish of St. Mary, Marlborough, furnish the dates of Mr. Hildrop's children; but the books are very defective at that period, and may not contain all his issue:—

“‘Kathern, daughter of Mr. John Hildrop, baptized July 11, 1722.’

“‘William, son of Mr. John Hildrop, baptized Jan. 22, 1724.’

“‘Frances Susanna, daughter of Mr. John Hildrop, baptized July 27, 1726.’

Dr. Hildrop died 18 Jan. 1756, aged 73 years, and these epitaphs are still extant in Wath church:—1. “Here lieth the body of Catherine, the wife of Mr. Francis Bacon, of the city of York, apothecary, and daughter to the Rev. Dr. John Hildrop, Rector of this parish, who departed this life the 6th day of September, 1754, aged 33.” 2. “Here lyeth the body of John Hildrop, D.D. and Rector of this parish, who departed this life the 18th day of January, 1756, aged 73.” (Topographer and Genealogist, III. 431. In Whitaker's Richmondshire, and in Gent. Mag. Aug. 1834, these inscriptions are inaccurately jumbled together.) In the register at Wath is an entry of Mrs. Hildrop's burial, viz. “Mrs. Sarah Hildrop, wife of the Rev. Mr. John Hildrop, Rector of Wath, was buried 13 Novr, 1741.”

See a Letter of Dr. Hildrop to Dr. Z. Grey, in Literary Illustrations, vol. IV. p. 333.

P. 492, l. 25. Dr. William Nicholls was buried May 5, 1712. See vol. I. p. 700. The Commentary on the Common Prayer has Dr. Nicholls' Portrait by J. Richardson, prefixed to it, engraved by Van Gucht. There is another portrait of him, before the Defence of the Church of England, engraved by I. Basire, 1730.

P. 542, note, l. 3, for “the MS. in question,” r. “Beza's MS. noticed in p. 548.”

P. 555, l. 7 and after, for “Chapelow,” r. “Chappelow Parnham.”

P. 564, l. 7 from bottom, r. “Mr. Robert Talbot.”

P. 565, l. 2, r. “Mr. Robert Hodson.”

P. 578, note, l. 5 from bottom, add after “249,” “He died June 12, 1808, at Barrow, after repeated attacks of paralysis. See Gent. Mag. vol. LXXVIII. pt. i. p. 566.”

Ibid. l. 4 from bottom, for “Lens,” r. “Lyas.”

P. 586, l. 20, for “Plumptree,” r. “Plumptre.”

P. 595, note, l. 21, omit the †, it being all one note.

P. 598, add to first note. “Dr. Fyfield Allen had been Archdeacon of St. Alban's 1738—1741. He had been a student of Christ Church.”

P. 619, note, l. 24, r. “Winckelman.”

P. 634, l. 17, for “on,” r. “in.”

P. 653, l. 1, for "last," r. "late."

P. 657, l. 8, for "had a little farm," r. "was a gentleman of landed property."

P. 661, l. 1, for "1779," r. "1777;" and note, l. 15, for "XLIX." r. "XLVII."

P. 664, note, l. 13 from bottom, for "Piper," r. "Pipre. See p. 691."

P. 675, note, l. 7 from bottom, r. "Mr. William Allen. He was editor of Demosthenes, 1755, 2 vols. See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. p. 440.

P. 684, sub-note. There is a silhouette portrait of Mr. Gough in Dr. Robinson's History of Enfield; but as it is from memory, or taken by stealth, it bears little resemblance to him.

P. 685, sub-note. A very full account of this curious picture is given in Mr. Nichols's Progresses of King James I. vol. iv. p. 1. On one side is a general view of London; on the other side, is the Royal Procession to St. Paul's in 1620. This is engraved in the Progresses of King James I.

P. 689, l. ult. The Rev. W. Cole, of Long Marston, died April 19, 1805. See Gent. Mag. 1805, p. 489.

P. 699, note, l. 20, for "1747-8," r. "1746-7."

P. 706, note, l. 5 from bottom, for "Ainstead," r. "Amsterdam."

P. 707, l. 15, for "p. 277," r. "p. 297."

P. 709, l. 13 from bottom, for "about the year 1752 or 3," r. "July 28, 1750."

VOLUME II.

P. 3, note, l. 17, for "The late," r. "Edward James, the eighth."

P. 10, note. The following is a copy of Dean Swift's assignment to Mr. Pilkington of the "Fugitive Essays."

"Whereas severall scattered Papers in prose and verse for three or four years last past, were printed in Dublin by Mr. George Faulkner, some of which were sent in manuscript to Mr. William Bowyer of London, printer, which pieces are supposed to be written by me, and are now, by the means of the Reverend Matthew Pilkington, who delivered and sent them to the s^d Faulkner and Bowyer, become the property of the s^d Faulkner and Bowyer, I do here, without specifying the s^d Papers, give up all manner of right I may be thought to have in the s^d Papers, to Mr. Mathew Pilkington afores^d, who informs me that he intends to give up the s^d right to Mr. Bowyer afores^d.

"Witness my hand, Jul. 22, 1732.

"From the Deanery-house in Dublin, JONATH. SWIFT.
the day and year above written."

P. 24, l. 10, r. "Clement the IVth."

P. 33, note, l. 7, from bottom, after "sum," insert "The Rev. Thomas Campbell, in Boswell's Life of Johnson," and at the end of the note, add "Dr. Madden died Dec. 31, 1765. See Gent. Mag. XVI. p. 46."

P. 35, r. "Milner's Journal of the Duke of Marlborough's Marches, Battles, &c."

P. 35. The title of Dr. Samuel Jebb's edition of Bacon was "Fratris Rogeri Bacon, ordinis Minorum, Opus Majus, ad Clementem Quartum, Pontificem Romanum: ex MS. codice Dublinense; cum aliis quibusdem collatâ."

P. 41, l. 20, add note. "William Marquess of Blandford, only son and heir of Francis Earl of Godolphin and Henrietta Duchess of Marlborough, died Aug. 29, 1731."

P. 46, note, l. 5, after "London," add "vacant by the death of Mr. Wells."

P. 54, l. 19. Col. Montague's "Journal of the War" has been already noticed in p. 35.

P. 69. A good account of Bishop Law will be found in Jefferson's "History of Carlisle," p. 423.

P. 72. At end of first note, add "Dr. L. Berdmore died Jan. 20, 1802. See Gent. Mag. LXXII., 94, 605."

P. 98, note, l. 7, for "Gloucestershire," r. "Gloucester."

P. 104, l. 12, for "North," r. "Great."

P. 116, note, l. 1, r. "On the 6th of June 1737. (See vol. III. p. 290)."

P. 125, note, last line but 3, "the Rev. William George Barnes, Curate of Saint Bride's, was buried Feb. 5, 1766. Malcolm's London, i. 367."

P. 133, note, l. 5 from bottom, after "republished," add "(the Latin translation)."

P. 151, note, l. 1, for "Bishop Crewe," read "Talbot," as Bp. Crewe died 1722, when he was succeeded by Bp. Talbot. (See Hutchinson's Durham, i. p. 566.) For Bishop Talbot see numerous references in General Index, vol. vii. pp. 410, 686, and a portrait and memoir of him in vol. I. of Literary Illustrations, p. 417.

P. 151, l. 4 from bottom. Of Dr. Humphrey Hody, see also Atterbury's Epistolary Correspondence, vol. i. pp. 65, 73; and vol. v. p. 283.

P. 154, note, l. 3 from bottom, r. "Rev. Francis Wollaston, LL.B., of Chiselhurst."

P. 159, l. 3, for "1649," r. "1646." L. 6, r. "John Nickolls, junior, F.S.A., London."

P. 178, add to Books printed in 1745, "Immortality Revealed, a Poem, in four Epistles to a Friend. By Thomas Cooke, folio."

P. 192. Of Dr. John Chapman, see a full account in Hutchins's Dorsetshire, 2d edit., vol. i., p. 65, and in Chalmers's Dictionary, ix. p. 129.

P. 198, note, l. 3, for "Rutherford," r. "Rutherfordh."

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P. 208, l. 5. The near relation here spoken of was Mr. Bowyer's own son.

P. 218, note, l. 3, for "Broom" r. "Brome."

P. 229, note, l. 2, r. "probably two sheets a week."

P. 240. A long letter of Mason to Bryant is printed in p. 710 of this volume. See the Epitaph on Mrs. Mason in vol. VII., advertisement, p. 3, and the Epitaph on her husband, the Poet, in vol. VIII. p. 405.

P. 240, note, l. 11 and 15 from bottom, r. Sharman, and l. 9 from bottom, for March 24, r. 27.

P. 241, note, l. 3, Mr. Mason died April 7, 1757. See a good memoir of him in Chalmers's Dictionary.

P. 253, note, l. 19. The epitaph on George Vertue's wife is printed in vol. VIII. 406.

P. 271, note. Dr. Clayton, Bishop of Clogher, published "Remarks on Lord Bolingbroke's Letters," noticed in Gent. Mag. 1752, p. 558. The Bishop was a great friend of Mr. Bowyer. See a good memoir of him in Chalmers's Dictionary, IX. 498, and General Index to Literary Anecdotes, VII. 83.

P. 285, l. 22. The Rev. *Stephen* White, Rector of Holton, Suffolk, is said to have "died Oct. 24, 1755, aged 71." This observation belongs to the Rev. *John* White, Rector of Nayland. The epitaph on the Rev. Stephen White is printed in vol. III. Advertisement, p. 5.

P. 305, note, l. 3 from bottom: "Mr. Potter's *Æschylus* is ornamented by drawings as to every scene by Flaxman. The copy Lady Spencer gave to the translator, bound by Roger Paine, is valued at 60*l.* more or less. I have seen an explanation of the Prometheus, which made *Æschylus* more knowing in the darker ways of Providence than any of the sacred writers. This is like Dr. Hyde's telling us that the Persians had plainer prophecies of the Messiah than even the Jews themselves; but *cui bono?* were the Athenians or Persians the better for them? T. F." (Taylor's Friend, *i.e.* GEO. ASHBY.)

P. 336, note, l. 26, r. "Dr. Aikin."

P. 339, note, l. 23, at end, pointing thus, "town, he was," &c.

P. 340, Mr. Edward Richard Poole, B.A., F.S.A., issued, in 1828, "Proposals for publishing Letters, critical, philological, and literary, from eminent scholars of the 12th century, to the Rev. Jonathan Toup, A.M. with biographical and historical illustrations."

P. 356. The first Mr. Caslon was succeeded by his eldest son William, who was also eminent in his trade. In 1751 he married Elizabeth, only daughter of Dr. Cartledge, of Basinghall Street, with a fortune of £10,000. He died in 1728. His widow, who was a woman of superior acquirements, continued the business, with success, until her death in 1795, first with her son William, and, on his withdrawal from the concern, with her second son Henry, who died in 1787; and afterwards with the widow of Henry (who was Miss Elizabeth Rowe, and married to her second

husband, Mr. Strong, apothecary, who died in 1802). Mr. H. Caslon joined in partnership with Mr. Nathaniel Catherwood, and died March 7, 1809. Mr. Catherwood also died in June the same year. This firm was succeeded by Mr. Henry Caslon, who was in partnership with John James Catherwood, brother of Nathaniel Catherwood, until 1821. Mr. Caslon was in business alone till 1822, when he was joined by Mr. Martin William Livermore. On Mr. Livermore's retirement Mr. H. Caslon again continued the business alone till nearly the period of his decease, when he was joined by his son and successor. Mr. H. Caslon died May 28, 1850, aged 64.

P. 357, l. 6 from bottom, Mr. William Caslon died in Sept. 1833. See *Gent. Mag.* 1850, ii. p. 96, note.

P. 360. In the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1792, p. 166, is an Elegy on Mr. Joseph Jackson, letter-founder, and on his types used in Hume's *History of England*. The *David* spoken of in the Elegy alludes to Mr. David Williams, who was employed by Mr. Bowyer to edit Hume's *History of England*, and for a continuation to that work.

P. 383, note, l. 12, for "3d," r. "30th."

P. 391, the exact number printed of "*Morant's Essex*" was 500 small size and 100 on large paper.

P. 392, note, l. 11, r. "Robert Powel, the Fire-eater."

P. 400, note, l. 19 from bottom, r. "Eglinton." Also in p. 403.

P. 410. The following anecdote relative to Mr. Bowyer's edition of the Greek Testament, 1763, was communicated to Mr. Nichols by the Rev. John Greene, in a letter dated March 13, 1786, and first appeared in *Gent. Mag.* vol. LVI. 205 :—

"Whilst Mr. Bowyer's edition of the Greek Testament was preparing, and when it was just ready for the press, that incomparable scholar and divine Dr. Jortin mentioned the work in a mixed company, and in terms of warm approbation. A gentleman present, who was a stranger to Mr. Bowyer's literary abilities, expressed some surprise that a *printer* should engage in so arduous a task, and with great simplicity asked, 'Who helped him?' Jortin, with his usual spirit, immediately answered, 'Who helps him? why, *he helps himself*, and where can he meet with a better assistant?'"

P. 413. The fourth edition of Mr. Bowyer's "*Critical Conjectures and Observations on the New Testament*," was published by Mr. Nichols in 1812, with the following advertisement:—

"A new edition, which has repeatedly been called for, is now published, with numerous additions from the margin of Dr. Owen's copy, presented to me by the venerable prelate, whose own notes form a small portion of the volume [Bishop Barrington]. The notes of Professor Schultz (who translated Mr. Bowyer's *Conjectures* into German) were communicated by the late Rev. Dr. Woide, and a separate little volume of *Conjectures* by the Rev. Stephen Weston, including his specimen of notes on the Old Testament, is here introduced by his permission. After the long

interval of thirty years, it is no small satisfaction that the editor has again the opportunity of thus publicly repeating his thanks to Bishop Barrington, to Dr. Gosset, and Mr. Weston." This Volume has also become a rare book.

P. 416, note, l. 26, r. "in a Court in Long Acre."

P. 419, l. 8, for "Lyon," r. "Lyons."

P. 421, l. 6 from bottom, after "Lowth," add "D.D."

P. 424. The widow of Bishop Lowth died March 14, 1803.

P. 438, note †. A more correct chronological list of Archdeacon Dodwell's publications is given by Dr. Loveday in *Gent. Mag.* for 1803, p. 1139.

P. 439, note, l. 10, for "accused by," r. "accursed for."

P. 442, note, l. 25, for "1778," r. "Gentleman's Magazine for 1779."

P. 442. On a Greek Inscription devised by Mr. Wray, see *Gent. Mag.* LIII. 393 ; LIV. 567 ; LV. 337, 512, 689.

P. 452, note, l. 4, for "1758," r. "1768."

P. 453, note, l. 6 from bottom, for "200," r. "300."

P. 459, l. ult. add "See hereafter, p. 726."

P. 463, l. 20, for "ungainly," r. "ungainful."

P. 473, l. 12, add to "Mr. Badger," "of New College, Oxford, M.A. 1686."

P. 481, note, lines 7 and 31, for "Dr.," r. "Mr."

P. 483, note, l. 10, for "Vezey's," r. "Vesey's."

P. 534, 2nd note, l. 2, for "Montague;" r. "Montagu;" and l. 4, for "Dr. C. Byron," r. "Mr. Christopher Byron."

P. 538, l. 5, for "Pearce's," r. "Peirce's," and add note, "James Peirce, an eminent dissenting minister."

P. 541. Add to Dr. Z. Grey's publications: "Historical Account of Earthquakes, 1750."

Ibid. note *. Mr. Gough's copy of Neal's History, with Dr. Grey's MS. notes, formed No. 1518 of Mr. Chalmers's Catalogue of Books, and was sold by Sotheby and Son in March, 1835, as was No. 1683, Grey's "Presbyterian Prejudices Displayed, interleaved with many MS. additions."

P. 547, sub-note, for "Montague," r. "Montagu."

P. 548, note, l. 30, r. "Dickins."

Ibid. sub-note, add "Rev. Peter Wagener rebuilt the parsonage-house at Stisted in 1712."

P. 557, note, l. 15 from bottom, r. "The Rev. Joseph Robertson."

P. 558, l. 8, after preface, add, r. "*" the reference to note.

P. 564, l. ult. add "A more beautiful character cannot be drawn."

P. 569, l. 25, read "Quæstio."

P. 571, note, l. 4, read "Prowting."

P. 585, note, l. 5, from bottom, r. "Colebrooke."

P. 606, l. 20, r. "that I was so." L. 4 from bottom, omit "short."

P. 607, l. 13, for "as," r. "and." L. 18, r. "with the most perfect."

P. 608, note, l. 23. The book entitled "Political Considerations, 1710," was written by Dr. Wm. King the civilian.

P. 626, l. 17, for "months," r. "weeks."

P. 638, l. 14, r. "Dr. French Laurence, Rev. Charles Burney, D.D." and add "Rev. Stephen Weston and Dr. Gillies."

P. 638, l. 21, add, Daniel Braithwaite, Esq. F.R.S., F.S.A., died in Harper Street, Red Lion Square, Dec. 28, 1817, aged 86. He was Comptroller of the Foreign Post Office, and an associate of the literati of his day. He was an early friend of G. Romney, R.A., and to him Hayley dedicated his life of that artist. (See Lit. Anecd. Index, vol. VII. p. 48, and Gent. Mag. 1817, ii. 634.)

P. 669, note 3 from bottom. Mr. Beloe's acknowledgments to Mr. Isaac Reed were thus expressed: "With great respect and sincere attachment I also introduce, among those to whom I am essentially indebted, the venerable Mr. Isaac Reed. He is far above my praise, but I can never forget the free use of many curious articles in his collection, the clearness, the precision, and the kindness of his various communications on many subjects of Early English Literature, concerning which I was either ignorant or imperfectly acquainted."

P. 672, omit the line "End of the Second Volume."

P. 683, text, l. 2 from the bottom, r. "Mr. Robson contributed largely to Mr. Malcolm's Account of the Parish of Whitechapel. See 'Londinium Redivivum,' vol. IV. pp. 445-463."

P. 710, l. 23, r. "Capt. Thomas Limeburner."

P. 720. On the death of Mr. Thomas James the business of letter-founder was carried on by his widow and son John James. Mr. John James died June 23, 1772. His matrices, &c. were bought by Mr. Rowe Mores, and on his death were sold by auction by Mr. Paterson, Nov. 20, 1781. (See Lit. Anecdotes, III. pp. 401, 700.)

P. 723, l. 4 from bottom. It was Dr. William Lancaster, Provost of Queen's College, Oxford, who died in 1716, that was the author of the "Essay on Decency," not Dr. Nathaniel Lancaster.

P. 724, l. 10 from bottom, for "p. 300," r. "p. 390."

P. 732, l. 15, for "p. 694," r. "p. 686."

VOLUME III.

P. 54. "The Evidences of Christianity," &c. should have been placed under the year 1769.

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P. 57, l. 9, after "D.D." add the year of publication, "1769."

P. 65, note, l. 9 from bottom, r. "Nevill."

P. 67, note, l. 14 from bottom, for "1747," r. "1746."

P. 68, note, l. 4 from bottom, r. "Mr. Richard Hayward."

P. 69, note, l. 9, r. "Magdalenienas."

P. 111, note, l. 4 from bottom, omit reference *.

P. 132, l. 4, after "divine," insert "Bishop Watson."

P. 148, note, l. 6 from bottom, after "of," add "Mr. Mason in."

P. 183, l. 9 from bottom, the following paragraph has unfortunately been wrongly placed. It applies to the dissolute Capt. Ayscough, recorded in p. 182, and should follow the words "blush to read," in note, l. 8.

"During the latter part of his life Capt. Ayscough lived at Kirk Ireton in Derbyshire, in a most miserable state, both of body and mind, under the care of Mr. Gough, the minister of that place. He removed from thence a short time before his death, which happened Oct. 14, 1779."

Ibid. after "his father Joseph Ayloffe," add, "He married," &c. as in line 5 from bottom. A very full account of the Ayloffe family is given in Morant's Essex, vol. I. p. 64.

P. 194, l. 19, "for Leicestershire," r. "Derbyshire;" and l. 32, for "had ingenuity," r. "was ingenuous."

P. 197, note, l. 18, for "Helesia," r. "Halesia."

P. 200, l. 2, r. "Bruyere."

P. 207, note, l. 7, from bottom, after 4to. add, Mr. Topham drew up the Account of St. Stephen's Chapel, published by the Society of Antiquaries in 1795. See Gent. Mag. vol. LXV. p. 503.

P. 226, note, l. 10, "Mountjoy's House." See vol. VI. p. 153. There is another letter from Vertue in vol. III. pp. 756-7.

P. 255. By the kind assistance of William Cotton, Esq. I have been enabled to collect more particulars relative to Charles Rogers here noticed. Mr. C. Rogers was placed in the Custom House under Wm. Townson, Esq. who was then at the head of that department, and from whom Mr. Rogers appears to have early imbibed a love of virtù and book-collecting. Whether he was connected by any ties of relationship with that individual Mr. Cotton was not able to discover, but it is certain that he became his heir and residuary legatee. Mr. Townson died at his house at Richmond in 1740, having settled his estate, real and personal, after the death of two sisters, Mary and Elizabeth Townson, on Charles Rogers and his heirs, and in default of such, on Charlotte Rogers (afterwards wife of William Cotton,) and her heirs. To the former he bequeathed all his Books and Prints. This acquisition of property, which consisted of houses in the parish of Lawrence Pountney and at Richmond, enabled Mr. Rogers to indulge that taste for the fine arts which distinguished him through life; while the legacy of Books and Prints became the nucleus of that extensive and valuable collection, the formation of which was his chief source of pleasure and relaxation after the fatigues

of business, and which at his decease became the property of Mr. Cotton's father, in pursuance of Mr. Townson's will.

Mr. Rogers corresponded with Sir Edward Walpole, Horace Walpole, Sir Joshua Reynolds, R. Gough, D. Braithwaite, Paul Sandby, Cipriani, Romney, Angelica Kauffman, and others.

Among Letters of Mr. Rogers in Mr. Cotton's possession are some to Viscount Hampden on Tesseræ and on the Sortes of the Antients; to Daniel Wray on 5th Eclogue of Virgil; and to E. Standley, Esq. LL.D., on the antiquity of the Speaker's Mace. His correspondence also with Mr. Charles Townley (who engraved the portraits of the most eminent painters in the Florentine Gallery,) as it relates almost entirely to painting, during Townley's residence in Italy, from 1773 to 1776, is not without interest.

Mr. Rogers kept up a correspondence with Mr. Horatio Paul (son of Mr. Robert Paul, Collector of His Majesty's Customs), when Mr. Paul was collecting prints, &c. abroad.

On Mr. Paul's collection of art being sent to England for sale, Mr. Rogers acquired many of his rarest and most valuable prints. To Robert Udney, Esq. he was indebted for acquisitions of the same kind during his travels on the continent; and Mr. Cotton has letters of Sir Robert Strange to Mr. Rogers from Rome, Naples, and Florence, in 1761, and from Paris in 1776, during the sale of the famous Marrietti collection.

In 1836 was privately printed (25 copies, as "*Donum Amicis*"), "*A Descriptive Catalogue of some Pictures, Books, and Prints, Medals, Bronzes, and other Curiosities, collected by Charles Rogers, F.R.S., F.S.A., and now in the possession of William Cotton, M.A. F.S.A., of the Priory, Letherhead, Surrey, royal 8vo. 207 pages; embellished with an etching of the interior of the Library at the Priory, Letherhead;*" the private Portraits of C. Rogers, Esq. after Sir Joshua Reynolds, William Wynne Ryland sculpsit, 1778; and several vignettes; among which is one of the exterior of the Priory, an account of which by the Rev. James Dallaway, (as read before the the Society of Antiquaries in 1824), is printed in this volume.

The following Letters and Essays were communicated by Mr. Rogers, and read at the various meetings of the Society of Antiquaries.

1. A Letter to the Bishop of Carlisle on the Duke of Norfolk's Shield, which was presented to the Earl of Surrey (tèmp. Hen. VIII.) by the Grand Duke of Tuscany. Read 13th May, 1767.

2. A Letter to Lord Willoughby of Parham, on a bronze Hamadryad, belonging to Thomas Hollis. Read 16th April, 1768.

3. A Letter to Col. St. Paul, dated 24th August, 1769, on the antiquity of Racing Horses, published in 3d volume of *Archæologia*.

4. A Letter to Dean Milles, dated Feb. 18, 1779, describing two small pictures of an old Greek master. [This letter is printed in *Gent. Mag.* 1784, vol. LIV. p. 265.] Also see the Catalogue

of Mr. Rogers's Pictures, &c. by Mr. William Cotton, 1836, p. 26.

5. A Letter to Dean Milles, on certain Terra Cottas brought from the Mosquito Shore. Read 16th March, 1780, and printed in vol. VI. of *Archæologia*.

Mr. Rogers was also a contributor to the *Gent. Mag.*:

1. A Letter signed *Londinensis*, on Improvements in the City, and suggesting the removal of the Monument to Cornhill, in Nov. 1760. (XXX. p. 501.)

2. A Letter signed "Columna Milliaris," Nov. 16, 1765.

3. A Letter to Mr. Astle, on ancient block printing, in Vol. LI. p. 269.

P. 257, note, l. 9 from bottom, for "Bartolozzi," r. "William Wynne Ryland, 1778."

P. 262, last note, see Additions, *Lit. Anecd.* vol. VIII. p. 437.

P. 263, note, l. 8 from bottom, add "This volume was sold to Mr. William Walker, bookseller, 196, Strand, 28 Feb. 1821, for 50 guineas."

P. 273. The circumstances under which the following curious letter was written by Mr. Bowyer are detailed in a note in p. 273. It is probable that Mr. Nichols thought proper to disguise it, and yet was unwilling to destroy it. He therefore handed it over to his friend Mr. Chalmers to introduce into a number of his "Projector," in which it was printed; see *Gent. Mag.* for Oct. 1809, p. 917. Whether it was ever printed at the time in any periodical, or only addressed to some friend, is not known; but it is so intimately connected with the melancholy fact of the disputes between Mr. Bowyer and his only son (whose waywardness distressed his father from the time of his being a boy till the father's death), that it is thought proper to reprint it. It is dated from Chelsea, where probably Mr. Bowyer had a lodging at the time the letter was written, which was about the year 1754.

"SIR, *Chelsea, Sept. 29.*

"You, who trace the source of all our passions, can best direct the current of them. Mine are at present somewhat tainted with bitter; but whether the fountain is corrupt you shall judge, when I have laid open my heart before you.

"I married, about seven years since,* a second wife, whose universal goodness more than compensates for her want of fortune; and yet, I will fairly own to you, from this disposition, for aught I know, arises my present uneasiness.

"I had a son† by a former *venter*, of no great abilities, and of a turn of mind which is not easily fixed. His kind mother-in-law gained his affections more than I could, who was oftentimes chagrined to find my endeavours unsuccessful to fit him for business or the pulpit. You will not wonder that Tom (for that is

* Mr. Bowyer married Mrs. Eliz. Bill, 21st Aug. 1747. She died Jan. 14, 1771, aged 70.

† Mr. Thomas Bowyer.

his name) did not consider my reproofs as the strength of affection; or her palliatives as the habitual effects of female softness.

“At the same time she was kind to Tom, she discovered, as I thought, at least, a more lively passion for Bill, a neighbour's little boy,* which was strengthened by a long friendship with his artful mother. As he grew up, I found he was, in a manner, adopted into my family. If Madam was invited into the country, the compliment was always heightened with, ‘Pray bring little Billy with you.’ Tom, who looked upon him at first as a harmless child, over whom, in point of age and fortune, he claimed a superiority, felt in him in time a powerful rival. This jealousy I hoped to have converted to his and my advantage. I persuaded him to open his thoughts to me without reserve, and to rely on me as his best friend. When I had lodgings in the neighbourhood of the town, I courted him to visit me in my happy moments, and to shorten my way home with his conversation. This was a favour I could rarely gain; while Billy was ready to attend with the most cheerful assiduity. At length, Tom, shy of his father, and perhaps not brooking a divided share of his mother, or rather, I believe, out of a levity of mind, or a desire of liberty, begs leave to go into a far country. He perhaps may have found a cure; but his jealousy is, in some measure, devolved on me. My wife now attends me to my country lodgings, which I could never get her even to *visit* before; and whither, she says, in a mysterious kind of compliment, *she never should have accompanied me, if the care of Tom had not been first removed from her*. No sooner were we arrived, than I found her little favourite in possession, and, at every recess from school, a regular inmate. ‘And now (say you, Sir), is thine eye evil, because hers is good? Is not the object of her choice more worthy of it than your son? And shall she be restrained from fixing on good qualities in a neighbour's family, because she is allied to bad ones in yours? Let virtue have its reward, wherever it appears.’ Good Sir, I blush to own the narrowness of my heart. The good qualities of my wife's adopted boy, placed before my eyes, make me often lament the defects of my absent son; and I sometimes fear, that the *exclusion* of him from us (which is but, indeed, the consequence of his own *desertion*) will make him cease from all efforts of regaining his natural kingdom in my heart. Does our Heavenly Father deal thus with his children? When we were fallen from him, did he utterly reject us, by taking a new race of beings into his favour? If we descend to human policy, I might appeal to the Romans; among whom adoption was allowed of in those instances only (at least in the flourishing state of the Commonwealth) where there were no children. Where there was but *one*, how froward soever, they waited for the turns of Nature, or submitted to the judgment of Heaven.

“I was going on upon this subject, Sir, when two old friends broke in upon me. Upon opening my case, Jack Single's obser-

* Mr. William Emonson.

vation was, that there was no difference in effect between the effort of a high-spirited dame, or the uniform bent of a silent one. In your case, the one would have bounced about, and led both husband and son an uneasy life, till she had got the boy out, and, by her thunder, procured serenity round the dome. What steps does the other take? she brings about the same end by wise maxims and cool reflections, which are sure to operate either on the *honour* of a husband, or on his *affections*. 'I had rather,' says she, 'have £20. a-year and a garret, than £20,000. with fatigue and business.' Again, 'I will never consent to move out of the house, till your son is elsewhere provided for.' *Muck! Muck!* is frequently thrown out as a bye-word of reflection on her husband's diligence; from which he is almost tempted to revolt, when he finds he has a wife who will not thank him for it, and a son who will not deserve it.

"Will Nimble, as his genius leads him, was more philosophical. 'What we call Affection,' says he, 'in the rational world, is as hard to account for as instinct in the animal. But, in the case before us, the links and ties are very discernible. Your wife, despairing of offspring by you, attends the throes of a neighbouring mother, and, as if she had felt them herself, takes the new-born product as her own. This is a trait of female nature, which, as it occurs but casually, is rarely observed; but is represented in that picture of common life, as well as introduction to the divine, the Bible. 'Behold, my maid Bilhah: go in unto *her*, and she shall bear on *my* knees, that I also may have children.' The mistress, you see, by being at the servant's labour, was to look on the child as the fruit of her own womb. Had your wife a child by you, this competition between your son and a neighbour's had not happened. If her own by a former husband had been alive, another kind of jealousy would probably have arisen. But, deprived of that, she is directed by Nature or instinct to supply that loss. Had barrenness been her lot, all her affection, with a mixture of whim and caprice, would have centered in you. The end of matrimony having never been answered, she would have pretended, and only pretended, to have rested satisfied with the fruitless means of it. Since then it is in vain to sail against the stream, veer in with it, according to the best art you can. Try to avail yourself once more of your son's jealousy. Let him see you have a passion, in common with him, and for him. You may possibly rouse him to a principle of gratitude, which may produce some laudable effects, and then you will bless yourself for this happy incident. You will have little to fear from the other quarter; your *good* woman cannot in the main prove a *bad* wife.'

"P.S. I have communicated this Letter to a friend in the country, the gentleman with whom my son now sojourns,* and to a bosom female companion of my wife in town. The misfortune is, one is an old bachelor, and the other a thrice-married woman, who

* It may have been to Thomas Penoyre, Esq. of the Moor, Herefordshire, who was Thomas Bowyer's godfather. See Lit. Aned. IV. 445.

never knew what offspring was. Have either of these the proper feelings of Nature to enable them to give advice to any of the three parties brought before them? And will they not be sure to take part against him who is invested with power; and therefore, they think, needs no assistance? M. R.*

P. 273, note, l. 9 and l. 13, from bottom, for "Mr. Emonson," r. "Mr. James Emonson."

P. 277, l. 8. The Rev. John Henry Browne died in 1830. See *Gent. Mag.* 1830, ii. 377.

P. 287, note, l. 5 from bottom. Margaret Brown, daughter of Robert Brown, printer, Windmill Court, West Smithfield, and sister of Matthew Brown, died Dec. 9, 1806, aged 54. Mr. Matthew *Brown*, printer, died Jan. 10, 1818, in his 72d year. He was the only son of Mr. Robert Brown. Both the father and the son were respectable in their profession; and from their presses have issued many good and correct editions of the Greek and Roman classics. Mr. Robert Brown was Master of the Company of Stationers in 1777; and died in 1781. Matthew had been a liveryman of the same company more than 50 years; and was much esteemed by those who intimately knew him. He was modest and unassuming; and occasionally exhibited a vein of pleasantry and wit. Sorry are we to add, that his efforts in business were not so successful as could have been wished. Yet his latter days were cheered by the kind regard of some of his oldest friends; by the endearing solace of five dutiful and affectionate children; and he had the satisfaction of having been selected as a proper person to enjoy an annuity of 30*l.* bequeathed by Mr. Bowyer to be given to a learned printer, under the sanction of the Company of Stationers. Mr. Matthew Brown left two sons, also printers: 1. Matthew Brown, who died in 1845; and Robert Brown, who had also one of Mr. Bowyer's pensions, and died Sept. 10, 1856. See account of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1856, ii. p. 657.

P. 288, add to note, "Mr. John *Drew* died, aged 72, Dec. 22, 1815. He was a very worthy, honest man, formerly a compositor in the employ of Messrs. Bowyer and Nichols; but, becoming totally blind, he afterwards for about 30 years supported himself, and with credit, as a bookseller and stationer in Fetter Lane. He enjoyed for some years one of the pensions for poor printers left by Mr. Bowyer."

P. 298, note, l. 18 from bottom, r. "Benjamin Martin."

P. 299, note, l. 3 from bottom, r. "obligations."

P. 301, l. 2, r. "illustratum."

P. 310, note, l. 6, for "noble earl," r. "Ferrers."

Ibid. note, l. 15 from bottom, Paul Vaillant, the first bookseller of that name in the Strand, died Oct. 14, 1739, aged 67.

P. 315, l. 10, for "a," r. "an extremely censorious;" and end of l. 12, add "for the gratification of all who chose to inspect it."

P. 333, end of note. Sir Edward Littleton died at Teddesley Hay, co. Stafford, at a very advanced age, May 17, 1812.

* The last letters of William Bowyer.

P. 340, note, l. 4, and l. 6, for "Johnson," r. "Johnstone."

P. 341, l. 3 from bottom. Miss Vaughan married the Rev. George Watson Hand, and after his death became the wife of Dr. Newton, Bishop of Bristol.

P. 379, l. 15, r. "contexture."

P. 387, note, l. 3. The widow of Dr. Rose died Jan. 2, 1805, aged 79. She was the eldest daughter of Dr. Samuel Clarke, of St. Alban's.

P. 387, note, l. 6, for "1804," r. "1801."

P. 400, note, l. 5. In *Gent. Mag.* 1776, Vol. XLVI. p. 509, is a long case of the hardships of Mr. James Rivington of New York, in consequence of the War.

P. 409, note, l. 5, from bottom, "Thrift Street (or Frith St.)"

P. 415, note, l. 17, for "*, " put "†."

P. 416, l. 2 from bottom, for "LL.D.," r. "D.D."

P. 417. In reference to the funeral of Mr. Alderman John Boydell, which was attended by most of the Aldermen and several of the Common Council of the City, it may be allowed here to notice a curious and now rather rare print which Alderman Boydell caused to be painted; it is believed by Mr. Miller, and engraved by Mr. Facius. The print measures 30 inches wide by 22 in length. It contains above one hundred portraits of civic celebrities, of several of whom there are no other portraits. It is called "The Swearing-in of Alderman Newnham as Lord Mayor, Nov. 8, 1782," but was not published till some few years later. It is extremely well grouped, and the likenesses are very striking. Among the characters are the following: Alderman Newnham, in the act of taking the oath as Lord Mayor; Aldermen Sawbridge, Hallifax, Townsend, Harley,* Alsop, Sir W. Plomer, Crosby, Bull, Wilkes, Sir Jas. Esdaile, Sir Watkin Lewes, Peckham, Clark, (afterwards Chamberlain), Sir James Sanderson, Bart., Wright, Sainsbury, Burnell, Gill, Pickett, Hart, Kitchin, Pugh, Turner, John Boydell, and Hopkins; and the following gentlemen, who were afterwards elected Aldermen: Sir Benjamin Hammet, Le Mesurier, Macaulay, Sir W. Curtis, Skinner, Newman, and Josiah Boydell. The following Law Officers: Adair, Recorder; Nugent, Common Serjeant; Sir John Rose, City Counsel (afterwards Recorder); Sir John Silvester, Bart., City Counsel (afterwards Recorder); Sheriffs Taylor (knighted) and Cole. City Officers: Rix, Town Clerk; Dr. Taylor,† Chaplain to the Lord Mayor; Bushnan, Comptroller; Dance, Surveyor; Bishop, Macebearer; Powney, Swordbearer; Mountague, Cashier; Gates, City Marshal; Deputies Leaky, Witherby, Harrison, Lincoln, Merry, White, Smith, Ellis, Clements, and Parker. Also the following individuals, many of whom were probably of the

* The Right Hon. Thos. Harley, Alderman, died Dec. 1, 1804. See memoirs of Ald. Harley in *Gent. Mag.* for 1807, ii. pp. 1175, 1237-1240.

† The Rev. Thomas Taylor married a sister of Alderman Newnham, and died Jan. 1, 1808.

Common Council: Mead, Holker, Pearkes, Kemble, Edgley, Sealy, Withers, Dunnage, sen., Parish, Powell, Thorp, Dowling, Browne, Wright, Beeston Long, Gaussier, Bird, Evans, Woodthorpe (afterwards Town Clerk), Inston, Temple, Mountague, Nash, Pool, S. Clark, S. Kirby, Anderson, Keys, Cawne, Crowther, Clarke, W. Clarke, Phillips, J. Dunnage, jun., J. W. Benson, John Boydell, Sam. Salte, and Vanhagen. Also the following ladies: Mrs. Newnham, Lady Mayoress; the Sheriffs' ladies; Mrs. Josiah Boydell, Miss Boydell (afterwards Mrs. George Nicol); Mrs. Swain; Rev. M. Bowyer, Grammar Master of Christ's Hospital; and Mr. Skegg, the Steward; and two youths, nephews of Alderman Newnham.*

P. 435. The article on Mr. Goadby is superseded by a better one in p. 723.

P. 445. Mr. George Robinson married Anne Motherby (by whom he had one child, a son), sister of Dr. George Motherby, of Königsberg, a physician of eminence at the Court of Prussia, and author of a medical dictionary. The mother of the above lady was Anne Hotham, a person of rank.

P. 445, l. 16, r. "William Johnstone."

P. 452, l. ult. after "printer," add "†."

P. 457, l. 9 from bottom. The following Letter from Mr. Allen Everitt of Birmingham to Mr. D. Parkes of Shrewsbury, describes the state of the body of Mr. Baskerville.

"DEAR SIR,

Aug. 15, 1829.

... "The body was exhibited at Mr. Marston's, a plumber and glazier of Birmingham. It was in a good state of preservation, considering the time it had been interred. All the teeth were perfect with the exception of one. I have since heard that the teeth are taken away. A few years ago the premises and property were let to a Mr. Gibson, who on cutting of a branch canal into the land discovered the lead coffin, when it was opened, and the body found in a very fresh state. Since that time, shameful to relate, the coffin and contents have been in the warehouse of Mr. Gibson. They are now in the warehouse of Mr. Marston, for the purpose of having a new lid to the lead coffin; and it is said to be the intention of Mr. Ryland of Edgbaston, who I believe is a distant relation of his wife, to have him interred."

The body was finally buried in a field adjoining Cradely Chapel, the property of a branch of the Baskerville family.

P. 480, l. 27. A new edition of "Masters's History of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; with additional matter, and a Continuation to the present time, by John Lamb, Master of the College," was published in 4to. 1831. The Appendix given in the first edition was omitted in that of Dr. Lamb.

P. 481, note, l. 19. See vol. V. p. 108.

P. 499, at end of article on Matthew Duane, Esq. add: His

* Alderman Newnham died Dec. 26, 1809. See account of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1810, i. pp. 91, 179.

Library was sold, with that of his nephew Michael Bray, Esq. in April 1838, by Messrs. Leigh and Sotheby.

P. 529, l. 20, add note: Sir Robert Ladbroke justly merited his title of Father of the City. He was born 1712, died 1773; and was buried at Christ Church, Spital Fields, where is a monument to him, and his statue by Flaxman. See Malcolm's London, vol. III. p. 389.

P. 530, l. 27, r. "Chrysoms."

P. 539, note. Ralph Heathcote, Esq. Minister to the Elector of Cologne, eldest son of Ralph Heathcote, D.D., died at Ellingen in Germany, Jan. 15, 1801.

P. 545, l. 3 from bottom, for "1464," r. "1471 at the soonest;" and for "opened a shop at the Sun in Fleet Street," r. "began to print at Westminster." For a material correction concerning Caxton, see vol. VII. Advertisement, p. 5.

P. 546, l. 3, after "afterwards," insert "at the Sun," and delete "in the house which had been Caxton's."

P. 550, l. 4 from bottom, after "St. Peter's College," add "afterwards the Hall, see p. 554, and now the garden of the Deanery."

P. 556, l. 18, for "1510," r. "1570."

P. 571, note, l. 7 from bottom. Mr. George James (City Printer, and one of the Common Council for Aldersgate Without), died Aug. 17, 1735. His widow carried on the business of City Printer for some time, after which that office was conferred in 1772 upon Henry Fenwick; on whose death, in 1822, Mr. Arthur Taylor was appointed City Printer.

P. 573, l. 6 from bottom. In an article in Gent. Mag. Feb. 1814, p. 116, signed CARADOC [J. Nichols], the following extracts are quoted from the Records of the Stationers' Company with reference to the origin of delivering Books to Public Libraries:—

"14 Nov. 1610. Receaved from Oxon, by the delivery of Mr. Doctor Kinge, Dean of Christ Church, the Vice Chancellor of Oxon, the Certificate, under the University's Seal, of an indenture (before sealed at Mr. Leak's house in Paul's Churchyard under the Common Seal, 15 Novemb. ult.) for *one Book of every new copy to be given to the Public Library at Oxon*—that they appoint Sir Thomas Bodley to receive the same."

"Feb. 1, 1662–3. A Letter from the Vice Chancellor of Oxford was presented to the Court; whereby the Vice Chancellor reminded the Company of their Engagement and Obligation that laid upon them, to send *a copy of every Book they print* to their Public Library; complaining of the little care that hath been thereof taken for several years: That, as they desire not to take any violent course for the performance of that Obligation; so they hope the Company will prevent it, by sending such Books as are in arrear."

"The *Tax* (for such it now became)—continues the writer—was in the mean time *tripled*, by an Act of 13 and 14 Car. II., which, amongst several other obnoxious clauses, directed that, in future,

“ ‘ Every printer should send *three copies* of every book new printed, or reprinted with additions, to the Stationers’ Company, to be sent to the King’s Library, and the Vice Chancellors of the two Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, for the use of their Public Libraries.’ ”

“ The first entry which appears on the Stationers’ Records, after the passing of this Act, is thus worded :

“ ‘ Dec. 1, 1663, several Books were delivered into the Court of the Company, to be disposed of in several Libraries, *according to the Act.*’ ”

“ In 1668 the Company of Stationers gave directions,

“ ‘ That the Beadle do give notice to every Printer, to reserve in his custody *three* of every Book by him printed, *of the best and largest paper*, according to the Act of Parliament at Oxford in 1665.’ ”

“ In 1693 an Order was issued, ‘ for prosecuting all Booksellers, Printers, and others, who neglect to send in their Books for the Three Libraries.’ ”

“ In the following year these oppressive statutes were wholly repealed ; and it was not till the *Golden Age of Literature*, in the reign of Queen Anne, that, by an Act expressly passed “ *for the Encouragement of Learning*,” a grievous penalty was laid on Authors, Printers, and Booksellers, by the delivery of *nine copies* of every book that should be entered at Stationers’ Hall. Still, however, there was a choice left, at least by common usage and acceptance, to those who did not care about the protection of their copyright. Those who sent the copies were protected by the law. Those who withheld them, submitted to the chance of not having their books reprinted. And it is not a little remarkable that scarcely a single book was ever entered at Stationers’ Hall by any resident member of either of the Universities.

“ After the lapse of a century, it was reserved for the present age to add *two* more to the copies already required ; and to expound the law to be obligatory on those who cared not about their copyright, as well as on those who did. And, unless the Legislature shall condescend to afford relief, the Tax of *eleven copies* remains the expounded Law of the Land, and must be obeyed.”

The law has happily since 1814 been rendered less oppressive, by the recent Copyright Act.

P. 582, note, l. 18 from bottom. The large portrait of Alderman Boydell, with allegorical figures, here described, has been cut down, and altered into a kit-cat common portrait.

Other paintings at Stationers’ Hall.

In the Court Room:—

1. A Portrait of Wm. Strahan, Esq. M.P., copied from one by Sir Joshua Reynolds.

2. A Portrait of Andrew Strahan, Esq., by William Owen, R.A.

3. A Portrait of Thomas Cadell, Esq., by Sir Wm. Beechy, R.A.

4. A Portrait of John Nichols, Esq., by John Wood, Esq. after one by John Jackson, R.A.

5. A Portrait of Sir Wm. Domville, Bart., by William Owen,

R.A., in the dress he wore as Lord Mayor of London, when he rode before the Regent and Allied Sovereigns on their Visit to the City, 1815.

In the Stockkeepers' Room:—

1. A Portrait of Samuel Richardson, Esq., the celebrated Novelist and Printer.

2. A Portrait of his wife, Mrs. Richardson.

3. A Vote of Thanks to Sir Wm. Domville, Bart., beautifully written and emblazoned.

P. 590, note 5. In the church of St. Andrew Undershaft is a small mural monument, with an effigy of a woman kneeling at a desk, to the memory of Alice Byng, who married three husbands, all stationers. The inscription is as follows: "Near unto this monument, lieth Alice Byng, in a vault with her father Simon Burton. She had three husbands, all bachelors and stationers. Her first was Richard Waterson, by him she had a son. Next him was Francis Coldock, by birth a gentleman; he bore all the offices in the Company, and had issue two daughters, Joane and Anne, with whom she lived forty years. Lastly, Isaac Byng, Gent. who died Master of his Company. She died the 21st day of May, Anno Dom. 1616, aged 73 years, 5 months, and 25 days."

P. 600, l. 12 from bottom, for "by," r. "to the Hospital."

P. 601, l. 13 from bottom, for "50℥." r. "100℥."

Ibid. l. 10 from bottom. Mr. Midwinter died January 9, 1757.

P. 603, end of 1st note. Mr. Wm. Fenner's intended benefaction did not take effect owing to an informality in the will.

Ibid. l. 6 and 9 from bottom. The turned commas should be placed after "proper," and omitted after "each."

Ibid. l. 21 from bottom, for "for," r. "from."

P. 604. Alderman Wright was buried in Wyrardisbury Church, Bucks, where is the following epitaph: "Sacred to the memory of Thomas Wright, Esq. Alderman of the City of London; died 9th April, 1798, aged 75. A truly humble and pious Christian, a faithful and affectionate husband, a most tender and indulgent father, a sincere and generous friend, a very good and kind master, and a worthy and benevolent member of society." "In memory of Ann Wright, widow of the late Thomas Wright, Esq. Alderman of the City of London, who died May 4, 1809, aged 82 years."

Mrs. Wright was the sister of Mr. Alderman Gill. A portrait of Mr. Alderman Wright is given in the large view of the Swearing-in of Mr. Alderman Newnham before described, p. 457.

P. 605. A good portrait of Alderman Gill is given in the large print of The Swearing-in of Alderman Newnham as Lord Mayor. (See p. 457.)

Ibid. The widow of Mr. Alderman Gill died March 1, 1820, in her 89th year. See the epitaphs on Alderman Gill, and on several of his family, in Wyrardisbury Church, Bucks, in Gent. Mag. 1816, i. p. 13; and the Pedigree of Gill in the Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica, vol. viii. p. 276.

Ibid. note, l. 6. See Epitaph, p. 759. Correct the age to 59.

P. 606, l. 11 from bottom, for "626," r. "627."

P. 606. Add to the Benefactions of the Stationers' Company : *Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin*, who died Aug. 19, 1809, was the widow of Richard Baldwin, who died in January 1776. She left 250*l.* in the 3 per Cents ; the dividend to be applied in providing great coats to five poor liverymen, or to freemen should no liverymen apply for them.

Andrew Strahan, Esq. gave, in 1815, 1225*l.*, 4 per Cents. ; and afterwards, in 1818, gave a further sum of 1000*l.* 4 per cents. ; the dividends for the benefit of poor printers.

John Nichols, Esq. gave, in 1817, 500*l.*, 4 per Cents. ; the interest to be given to one poor printer 10*l.*, and to other two printers 5*l.* each.

Luke Hansard, Esq. in 1818 gave 1000*l.*, 4 per Cents. ; and afterwards 1500*l.*, 3 per Cents., for the benefit of poor printers. He also provided for each apprentice when he is bound a Church of England Prayer Book.

Beale Blackwell, Esq. left by will 100*l.* a-year, to be divided among 20 poor printers. He died Dec. 16, 1817.

John Clarke, Esq. Law Bookseller, gave by will 100*l.*, 3 per Cents. ; two-thirds for the benefit of a poor widow, and one-third for the general purposes of the Company, He died March 8, 1838.

Charles Whittingham, Esq. printer, left by will 2000*l.*, 3 per Cents., the interest for the benefit of six poor widows of either compositors or pressmen. He died Jan. 15, 1840.

Jonas Davis, Esq. died in 1827. By will he bequeathed 3000*l.* 3 per Cent. Stock after the death of his widow (which happened in 1829); to which was generously added by Mrs. Davis's executors, the Rev. John Barlow and Cecilia A. Barlow his wife, a fourth 1000*l.* stock, which sums were consolidated into one fund, which provides annuities of 18*l.* each to six poor compositors.

J. B. Nichols, Esq. in his life-time, in 1855, gave 500*l.*, New 3 per Cent. Consols, to raise the donations to the four pensioners on his Father's Fund to 10*l.* a-year each.

P. 606, l. ult. *Charles Rivington* (son of Charles Rivington, Esq. Master in 1819), succeeded his uncle Henry, as Clerk, in 1829.

P. 607, l. ult. *George Greenhill* resigned the office of Treasurer in 1849, when his son Joseph Greenhill was appointed.

P. 620, l. 2, for "Mr. Dowdeswell," r. "Rt. Hon. Wm. Dowdeswell," and add note: "See Gent. Mag. vol. XLV. p. 151."

P. 623, l. 2 from bottom, r. "Joseph Edmonson."

Ibid. note, l. 3 from bottom, for "Wheatly," r. "Whitley."

P. 628, l. 27. "M. Green" was one of the signatures used by Mr. Nichols in the Gentleman's Magazine. It was the maiden name of his wife Martha Green. D. H. (in p. 629) was Richard Gough.

P. 639, note, l. 1, r. "Cockfield."

P. 641. Peter Mainwaring, of Manchester, M.D. died Dec. 30, 1786, aged 90.

P. 642, note, l. 2. Mr. John Millan died Feb. 15, 1782,

P. 646, last note. The widow of Mr. Thomas Lowndes, bookseller, died in Boston Lane, Ealing, Oct. 2. 1806.

P. 648, note, l. 7, for "King's College," r. "Trinity." Mr. Charles Marsh was F.S.A.

P. 651, l. 3, r. "Sherard."

P. 654. Wm. Owen, bookseller, was tried for a libel, entitled "The Case of Alexander Murray, Esq." July 6, 1752, and acquitted. This was the third great case where the juries insisted on trying the matter of law as well as fact. *See State Trials.*

P. 656, l. 13. Dr. Mason died Dec. 18, 1770.

P. 665, notes, l. 15. Mr. Benjamin Uphill died July 12, 1809, aged 42. See some verses to his memory by Mr. Lemoine in *Gent. Mag.* 1809, p. 749.

P. 672. Mr. Thomas Browne, bookseller, died April 27, 1801, aged 87. He was 30 years librarian to the Hull Subscription Library, and author of poetical pieces, first printed in the *Hull Advertiser*, and afterwards in a separate volume.

P. 673, note §. Mr. Collis died March 13, 1813. See vol. VIII. p. 469.

P. 675, note, l. 13. Mr. Thomas Etherington died Feb. 22, 1807.

P. 677, l. 4 from bottom, for "Charles Godwin," r. "Rev. Charles Godwyn, B.D. Fellow of Balliol College." See *Memoir of Mr. Godwyn*, in *Hutchins's History of Dorset*, second edition, vol. IV. p. xii. where is printed a series of his letters to Mr. Hutchins.

P. 681, note *. Mr. Thomas Miller died June 1807, aged 84.

P. 693. William Smellie, of Edinburgh, was born in 1740; died June 24, 1795. See a good account of him in *Timperley's History of Printing*, p. 787; also in *Chalmers's Biographical Dictionary*.

VOL. III. p. 714. *In the "Literary Anecdotes," Mr. Nichols has noticed very many Printers, Booksellers, Stationers, &c. who flourished in the Eighteenth Century. The following is an OBITUARY of Printers and Booksellers, &c. omitted in Mr. Nichols's work:—*

1680. Died, John *Martyn*, an eminent bookseller, printer to the Royal Society. He is buried in the vaults of St. Paul's, near the tomb of Sir C. Wren. This monument has figures of himself and wife kneeling, also two children. See *New View of London*, 8vo. p. 473; and *Carter's Pursuits of Architectural Innovation*, vol. ii. p. 227. His character is thus given by Dunton: "He was printer many years to the Royal Society. He managed all his affairs with discretion, was a thriving man in his trade, and made a very pious end."

1722, Sept. 22. Died, at Edinburgh, Mr. James *Watson*, an eminent printer and news proprietor at Edinburgh. (See vol. IV.

pp. 79, 80.) See an account of him in Chalmers's *Biographical Dictionary*.

1732, Nov. 20. Died, John *Mears*, bookseller. He was taken into custody for publishing a "Philosophical Dissertation on Death;" together with the two authors of it, the Count de Passeran and Mr. John Morgan. Mears succeeded to the business of Richard Nutt, and printed the Historical Register.

1733. Died, Constantia *Grierson*, wife of George Grierson, who preceded Andrew Crook as king's printer for Ireland in 1732. Of this very learned lady see Timperley's History of Printing, p. 649. Mrs. Grierson had a son, who was king's printer in Dublin, and died in Germany, aged 76. The office of king's printer was continued in this family till very lately, when they retired from it in consequence of having taken the contract at too low a price.

1734, Aug. 31. Died, Joseph *Downing*, printer, St. John's Lane.

1735, Nov. 27. Died, aged 80, Robert *Andrews* (see vol. II. p. 363), a letter-founder near Charter House Square. He was one of the Court of Assistants of the Company of Stationers. Mr. Silvester Andrews, his son, carried on the business of letter-founding in Oxford. In 1733 Thomas James purchased both their foundries.

1736, Feb. 22. Died, Wm. *Churchill*, esq. bookseller to his Majesty. He was immensely rich, to which his printing Rymer's *Fœdera*, at Queen Anne's expense, greatly contributed.

1737, Sept. 20. Died, Nathaniel *Mist*, printer and proprietor of the Weekly Journal, a paper so obnoxious to the Government that it caused him to be several times prosecuted with the utmost rigour of ministerial or parliamentary vengeance. See Lit. Anecd. Gen. Index, vol. VII. p. 270.

Sept. 30. Died, Benjamin *Sprint*, bookseller, Little Britain. He was a Governor of Christ's Hospital.

Nov. 18. Died, Thomas *Harbin*, stationer, in the Strand, famous for his shining black ink.

1761, Feb. 10. Died, Mr. *Crichton*, printer, at Ipswich, Suffolk.

1761, April 4. Died, Mr. *Shuckburgh*, bookseller, Fleet Street, London.

Oct. 26. Died, Mr. *Penny*, printer to the East India Company.

1767, Sept. Died, John *Übers*, a journeyman-printer, at Amsterdam, aged 106 years.

1768, Dec. Died, M. *De Coignard*, a printer at Paris, worth 180,000*l.* sterling.

In 1768 died, Samuel *Fancourt*, aged 90. He was the first promoter of Circulating Libraries in England.

In the same year died, Peter Simon *Fournier*, a French engraver, printer, and letter-founder, and author of several ingenious treatises on the rise and progress of Typography. His chief work is "*Manuel Typographique*," 2 vols. 8vo. He was of pleasing manners, and a man of virtue and piety,

1770, Jan. 22. Died, at Glasgow, M. *Uric*, a printer of some good Greek and Latin works.

Nov. 1. Died, Alexander *Cruden*, author of the well-known Concordance of the Old and New Testaments, and many years a bookseller in London. He opened a shop under the Royal Exchange in 1732. See Chalmers's Biographical Dictionary, and Timperley's History of Printing, p. 722. An allusion to him occurs in a letter of Rev. E. Jones, Lit. An. vol. IX. p. 628.

1771, Sept. 30. Died, Mr. John *Hughs*, printer. He was born at Thame, Oxfordshire, in 1703. His father was a dissenting minister. He received a liberal education at Eton College, and served a regular apprenticeship to a stationer and printer in London. He first entered into business about 1730 in Holborn, near the Green Gate, and removed to Whetstone Park, near Great Turnstile, facing the east side of Lincoln's-inn-Fields. In 1740 he incurred the displeasure of the House of Commons, by having printed "Considerations on the Embargo on Provisions of Victual." The usual proceedings took place. He was ordered to the bar of the House, declared guilty of a breach of privilege, and reprimanded on his knees. About 1763 he obtained, through Lord North, who had been his schoolfellow at Eton, the appointment of Printer to the House of Commons. He continued to reside in Great Turnstile; the office extending backwards in the rear of the house in Turnstile, and forming one side of Tichborne Court. He married Miss Dampier, sister of Dr. Dampier, Bishop of Ely. Her half-brother was the late Sir Henry Dampier, one of the Barons of the Exchequer. His son Mr. Harry Hughs died Sept. 5, 1810; and his widow, Elizabeth, died March 5, 1854, aged 83.

1773, March. Died, Mr. *Abercorn*, a German printer.

1777, July. Died, Mr. *Wilson*, bookseller, Paternoster Row. In 1764 he obtained damages for false imprisonment for printing *The Monitor*.

1779, July 20. Died at Glasgow, Dougal *Graham*, a printer, and the rhyming chronicler of the Rebellion of 1745. See Chambers's Lives of Eminent Scotsmen, and Timperley's History of Printing, p. 745.

1780, Feb. 20. Died, in Grey's Gate, Nottingham, aged 72, Thomas *Peet*, land surveyor, astronomer, mathematician, and schoolmaster. He was the oldest writer in the Almanacks, having contributed to the Gentleman's Diary and Poor Robin for 40 years.

1782. Died, William Francis *De Bure*, the celebrated bookseller and bibliographer of Paris.

1782, March 21. Died, Mr. *Baumgarten*, bookbinder, a native of Germany, and a man of uncommon excellence in his business.

1782, Nov. 28. Died, Mr. *Ridley*, bookseller, of St. James's Street, Westminster.

1783, March 29. Died, Mr. Thomas *Caslon*, a bookseller in Stationers' Court. He was Master of the Stationers' Company in 1782.

1783, Sept. 16. Mr. W. *Pasham*, printer, of Black Friars, London, formerly of Bury, where he published "The Bury Weekly Journal." He was remarkable for printing, in a house on Finchley Common, a very beautiful pocket edition of the Bible, in imitation of Field's, with notes by the Rev. W. Romaine, which might be cut off, to evade the patent right of the King's Printer. See vol. II. p. 360.

1785. Joachim *Ibarra* (a native of Saragossa), printer to the King of Spain, who carried the typographic art to a degree of perfection which had not been before known in that country. He invented a superior kind of printing ink.

1786. John *Gaspard*, a bookseller at Zurich, in Switzerland. He published some esteemed works on entomology. His father was the celebrated John Gaspard Fuessili, who died in 1782; and who wrote a "History of the Artists in Switzerland," which is a good work.

1789, Feb. 6. Mr. Thomas *Bensley*, senior, printer, in Bolt Court, Fleet Street, father of Mr. Thomas Bensley, the eminent printer, of that place, who died on Sept. 11, 1835.

[In 1790, William Nicholson took out a patent for certain improvements in printing, the specification of which clearly shows that to him belongs the first suggestion of printing from cylinders. This patent was never acted upon.]

1790, April 17. Died, the celebrated Benjamin *Franklin*. See General Index to Literary Anecdotes, VII. 140, 568.

1791, Sept. 22. Of a decline, aged 24, Mr. Robert *Baldwin*, junior, bookseller, Paternoster Row, London. He was the eldest son of Mr. Henry Baldwin, printer (of whom see Lit. An. III. 467, 716; VIII. 478), and nephew of Mr. Robert Baldwin, senior (of whom see vol. VI. 443; VII. 744), with the latter of whom he had just entered into partnership. His younger brother, Mr. Charles Baldwin, the eminent printer of the St. James's Evening Post and the Standard, is noticed vol. III. 717. Mr. Robert Baldwin, jun. was buried at Caterham, Surrey, and there is a monument to his memory in the churchyard.

1793, June 1. Died, at Cheltenham, Richard *Crutwell*, proprietor and editor of the Bath Chronicle. A conscientious performance of his duty towards God, and an unbounded benevolence towards his fellow-creatures, were his rules of action in every relation of life. In a professional point of view his deservedly celebrated Bible of Bishop Wilson, 3 vols. 4to. which he printed, and the extensive circulation of the Bath Chronicle, which his exertions had raised to respectability, are monuments of superior skill and persevering industry. His press was decidedly far in advance in beauty of execution to that of most provincial printers.

1793, June 26. Died, at Selborne, the Rev. Gilbert *White*, the celebrated naturalist, on whose account some few particulars of his family (so intimately connected with the bookselling business) may be acceptable.

The father of the naturalist was John White, of Selborne, esq.

who married Anne, dau. of the Rev. Thomas Holt, rector of Streatham, Surrey. They had three sons: 1. Rev. Gilbert White, born July 18, 1720; B.A. 1743; M.A. 1746; Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, 1744; Senior Proctor, 1752. Died at Selborne, 1793, aged 73. 2. Thomas *White*, esq. F.R.S. 1777, a wholesale ironmonger, well versed in Natural History. Died Feb. 12, 1797. (See Lit. Anec. vol. III. 116; IX. 384.) He was the father of Thomas Holt White, esq. of Enfield, a commentator on Shakspeare, and a frequent correspondent of the Gentleman's Magazine under his initials T. H. W. He also distinguished himself by separate publications. See Literary Anecdotes, IX. 384. 3. Benjamin White, esq. bookseller, Fleet Street. Died at Moreland, Hants, March 9, 1794, in his 69th year. He was one of the first booksellers who published annual catalogues of expensive works. His best is dated Feb. 1771, and continued till 1807 or later. He had two sons, his successors in business as booksellers: 1. Benjamin *White*, esq. who retired from business and lived at Hampstead. He died at Ewelme in Oxfordshire, May 8, 1821, aged 57. 2. John *White*, esq. who continued the business for some time singly; but afterwards in partnership with Mr. J. G. Cochrane and Mr. Blunt, a banker, under the firm of White, Cochrane, and Co. This firm was unfortunate, and was sold up, to the great regret of the literary world, as it produced some of the most splendid publications, particularly in natural history, which ornament our libraries. Mr. John White lost all his property by the failure, and died June 24, 1855, at Whitby, near York, in his 91st year. At his death he was father of the Company of Stationers. His son, the Rev. J. T. White, is assistant grammar master at Christ's Hospital, and curate of St. Martin's, Ludgate.

Mr. J. G. *Cochrane* was an eminent bibliographer, and died secretary and librarian of the London Library, St. James's Square, May 11, 1852, in his 72d year. See a memoir of him in Gent. Mag. for June 1852, p. 628.

1793, July 23. Mr. Barak *Longmate*, a very skilful herald and engraver. See an account of him in Gent. Mag. 1793, II. p. 679, and Lit. An. IX. p. 4.

1794, Jan. 28. John Gottlieb Immanuel *Breitkoff*, an ingenious printer, letter-founder, and bookseller of Leipzig. See Timperley's History of Printing, p. 782.

1794, July 12. At Charleston, America, Mr. Robert *Wells*, bookseller and printer. He was born Aug. 10, 1728, and was a man of high honour and integrity, and of considerable literary attainments. He was the father of Dr. C. Wells, who died Sept. 17, 1817.

1794, July 12, aged 43, Mr. Edward *Noble*, bookseller; an accomplished mathematician, and author of "The Elements of Linear Perspective." His widow died in 1829, aged 84. They were the parents of Mr. W. B. Noble, an unfortunate artist, who died Sept. 14, 1831, and of whom there is a notice in Gent. Mag. 1831, ii. 374.

1795, Jan. 31. Aged 77, William *Brown*, bookseller, at Ashbourn, Derbyshire.

Jan. 31. Aged 62, William *Allen*, bookseller, Newark.

Oct. 21. Aged 34, John *Bewick*, engraver on wood, brother of the more celebrated Thomas Bewick, to whom he was apprenticed. He showed talents equal, if not superior, to his brother. He was born at Ovington, on the banks of the Tyne.

1796, March 1. Aged 36, George *Swindells*, printer, Hanging Bridge, Manchester, a native of Disley, Cheshire; an early publisher of works in numbers, ballads, carols, &c. at Manchester. His business was carried on by his eldest son, John.

May . . . At Nottingham, John *Bilby*, son of the Rev. Mr. Bilby, who had been bred a printer, of which profession he was so fond that he worked regularly a few hours a day, gratis, for 50 years.

Oct. . . . At Norwich, aged 58, John *Crouse*, printer of the Norfolk Chronicle for 35 years, and always distinguished during that period for his integrity and goodness of heart. He was succeeded in business by Messrs. Stevenson and Matchett.

Oct. . . Mr. James *Potts*, an eminent bookseller and printer at Dublin, and proprietor of "Saunders's News Letter."

1798. Samuel *Falka*, a printer, and native of Hungary, commenced stereotyping at Vienna. Being refused a privilege for the practice of his art, he quitted Vienna and settled in the printing office of the University of Buda, the capital of Lower Hungary, from whence he issued several specimens.

1799, May 20. The Rev. Dr. Joseph *Towers*. He was born at Southwark, March 31, 1737. His father was a dealer in second-hand books. He was placed as an errand-boy with Mr. Samuel Goadby, bookseller at the Royal Exchange. He was himself a bookseller in Fore-street, Cripplegate. He afterwards was an eminent political, biographical, and miscellaneous writer. See Chalmers's Biographical Dictionary, and Lit. Anecdotes, III. 433.

1799. Charles Joseph *Panckoucke*, one of the most eminent booksellers and publishers of Paris. At the age of 28 he settled at Paris, where he soon took the lead in his profession, and his knowledge of typography made him celebrated over Europe. His name is peculiarly memorable by the establishment of "The Moniteur," suggested to him by what he saw in England. With him originated the "Encyclopedie Méthodique," which continued to be published for more than 150 volumes. Panckoucke lived in habits of intimacy with the distinguished French orators and men of genius of his time.

[In 1800, Earl Stanhope invented the Stanhope press (with the assistance of Mr. Walker, an ingenious mechanic), the power of which was first tried in the printing-office of Wm. Bulmer (the Shakspeare Press), where the first press remained till the sale of his partner Mr. Nicol's printing materials in 1854, when it was removed to the office of Messrs. Nichols and Sons, in Parliament-street, where it now remains.]

1800, Feb. . . Edmund *Monk*, proprietor and printer of "The Chester Courant."

April 4. In his 40th year, Solomon *Hodgson*, many years printer and publisher of The Newcastle Chronicle; "in the conduct of which he uniformly advanced the genuine sentiments of his mind, uninfluenced by party or any political society. Firmly attached to the principles of constitutional liberty, and actuated by the purest impulse of integrity and honour, he viewed with honest indignation the corruptions too prevalent in society. In the intercourse of business and private life he was actuated by generous principles, and by his talents, honesty, and benevolence engaged the attachment of a numerous circle of friends." Mrs. *Sarah Hodgson* carried on the business until her death, at Newcastle, Sept. 10, 1822, from which time the Chronicle was conducted by her sons, S. and T. *Hodgson*.

Aug. 12. M. *Brown*, stationer, Cheapside.

Aug. 14. Mr. William *Chapman*, stationer, King-street, Cheapside, one of the Court of Assistants of the Company of Stationers, and Master in 1795.

Aged 58, Henry *Spencer*, bookseller, of Burnley, Lancashire, distinguished for eccentricity of character. His coffin, made of wood of his own growth, had been kept by him for several years before his death.

Dec. . . Mr. John *Alexander*, printer of the Strabane Journal.

The following is an OBITUARY of Printers, Booksellers, Stationers, &c. who were engaged in business in the Eighteenth Century, but died after the close of it.

1801, Feb. 12. Died, at Alcester, aged 76, Mr. Thomas *Herring*, bookseller.

Feb. In John-street, Oxford-street, Mr. William *Cullen*, bookseller of that place, and of Exchange-alley, whose Catalogues furnished many curious articles to collectors.

April 7. In his 55th year, Mr. Thomas *Wood*, printer of the Shrewsbury Chronicle 29 years.

1801, June 6. Mr. *George Robinson*, the founder of the eminent bookselling establishment in Paternoster-row. (See Lit. Anecd. Index, VII. 354.) Mr. W. West, in his "Recollections of an old Bookseller," p. 92, gives many private anecdotes of Mr. Robinson, whom he calls the king of booksellers, and of his feasting his brother booksellers at his villa at Streatham. Mr. West also gave anecdotes of the Robinsons in "The Aldine Magazine," p. 132, where there is a copious list of works pub-

lished by this eminent firm. He was succeeded in the business by his only son George and his brother John *Robinson*. They were both men of integrity and skill in business ; but the concern broke down from its immensity, and they were declared bankrupts. Every creditor was however paid in full, and many, who required it, with interest.

Mr. *George Robinson*, junior, only son of George, was a most steady and useful member of the establishment. His merits were accompanied by unassuming modesty : his good qualities were more solid than shining. He married a daughter of Mr. Thompson, music-seller, St. Paul's Churchyard, with whom he had a good fortune. He died May 22, 1811, leaving a son, a third

George Robinson, who succeeded to the business.

Mr. *John Robinson* (the last surviving member of the old firm of George, George, John, and James Robinson), died at Putney, Dec. 2, 1813, in his 61st year. He was a man of considerable ability, a lover of literature for its own sake, and indefatigable in attention to business. After leaving the old firm he joined in business with Mr. George Wilkie. He was many years a Stock-keeper, and afterwards one of the Court of Assistants, of the Stationers' Company. (See Lit. Anec. III. 449 ; IX. 542.) Mr. John Robinson left a widow and two sons, *John* and *Richard Robinson*.

Mr. *James Robinson*, brother-in-law of the first George, was in the firm, but retired from it, and turned coal-merchant. He married another daughter of Mr. Thompson, music-seller, St. Paul's Churchyard, with whom he had a good fortune, and died in Paradise Row, Islington, in 1804 or 1805.

Mr. John *Walker*, was the brother-in-law of the elder George Robinson, and was the book-auctioneer of the Trade. In his portrait he carries the hammer, with which he frequently knocked down from 10 to 40 thousand pounds' worth of books in the course of one afternoon's sale. In 1776 Mr. Walker was in partnership with Mr. J. Fielding, and in early life combined with the book-trade the office of one of the coal-meters of the City of London. He resigned the *hammer* to Mr. W. Hone about 1812. See Lit. Anec. III. 666 ; and "Wonderful Magazine," vol. V. 3157, where Mr. Walker's portrait is given.

1801, June 7. At Horsham, Mr. Henry Lewis *Galabin*, eldest son of J. W. Galabin, Bridgemaster of the city of London. His wife died May 10 in the same year.

July 2. In Bennet-street, Christ Church, Surrey, aged 33, Mr. William *Bennett*, printer to the Admiralty, son of Mr. Thomas Bennett. He was brought up, under his father, in the printing office of Mr. Nichols.

Aug. 23. At Northampton, aged 78, Mr. James *Sutton*, printer and alderman of Northampton.

Sept. 27. In his 35th year, Mr. John *Deane*, stationer, of St. Mary-at-Hill, London.

Oct. . . At Edinburgh, Mr. James *Watson*, bookseller.

1801, Nov. 23. In Norwich, aged 42, Mr. Thomas *Gage*, bookseller.

Dec. 12. At Moor Green, Birmingham, in his 40th year, Mr. Thomas *Pearson*, bookeller and stationer, proprietor and printer of the Birmingham Gazette. See Lit. Anecd. III. 683.

1802, Feb. 20. Mr. R. *Trewman*, first establisher of "The Exeter Flying Post," which he printed for 40 years.

April 6. Aged 62, Mr. William *Sheldon*, bookseller, Castle-street, Leicester-square.

April 16. Mr. *Burges*, printer to the University of Cambridge.

June 3. Thomas *Sowler*, printer and publisher, of Manchester; born at Durham, Dec. 4, 1765. He was much esteemed. His son, *Thomas Sowler*, commenced the Manchester Courier in 1825.

July. In Dublin, Mr. P. *Clarke*, printer.

July. Mr. W. *Rosser*, printer, Bristol.

Sept. 21. In his 82d year, Mr. Alexander *Angus*, bookseller, Aberdeen. He is noticed in Lit. Anecd. III. 690; where his death is wrongly supposed to have taken place about 1792.

Sept. 25. At Marlborough, Mr. James George *Russell*, many years a bookseller in London.

1802, Nov. 3. Aged 50, Mr. John *Mapples*, brought up a printer, but became an itinerant player. He possessed a good share of talent, and particularly in old parts. Ill health compelled him to relinquish the stage, and he returned to his original business, but a confirmed asthma carried him to a premature grave.

Dec. 10. Aged 67, Mr. *Hixon*, copper-plate printer.

1803, Feb. 10. Aged 76, Mr. Wm. *Ginger*, bookseller to Westminster School.

Feb. 22. Aged 64, Mr. *Pine*, printer of the Bristol Gazette.

March 5. At Liverpool, Mr. *Ferguson*, printer.

March 13. In Sion-square, aged 69, Mr. Richard *Welles*, formerly a stationer in Cheapside, and Master of the Company of Stationers in 1796. He was buried at High Wycombe with his nephew the Rev. Richard Welles, who died four days after; of whom see Gent. Mag. 1803, p. 293.

May. At Hereford, Mr. G. *Davies*, printer.

July 11. At Highgate, aged 53, Mr. Robert *Brooke*, law bookseller, of Bell-yard, Fleet-street.

Aug. 7. Aged 76, William *Charnley*, bookseller, Newcastle on Tyne. (Lit. Anecd. III. 673.) He served his apprenticeship to Michael Bryson, on the Bridge at Newcastle, and was succeeded by his son Mr. *Emerson Charnley*.

Aug. 17. Mr. George *Fox*, of Dartmouth-street, Westminster, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers, and an usher and court-keeper of His Majesty's Exchequer.

Sept. 19. Aged 72, Mr. Robert *Withy*, of West-square, stockbroker, formerly a book and printseller in Cornhill, and a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1803, Dec. 10. In Dover-street, James *Sayer*, Esq. of Fleet-street, and Richmond, Surrey, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

Dec. 10. Mr. John *Rudhall*, printer and proprietor of "Felix Farley's Bristol Journal."

Dec. 14. Mr. John *Gore*, many years printer and publisher of "The Liverpool Advertiser."

1804, Jan. 17. At Lyme, the Rev. Samuel *Edwards*, of Yarmouth, Norfolk, a liveryman of the Stationers' Company.

Jan. 20. At Salford, aged 76, Mr. Joseph *Harrop*, printer and proprietor of "The Manchester Mercury," established by him in 1752.

Feb. Mr. John *Rhynd*, printer, of Ray-street, Clerkenwell, formerly of Hereford.

May 1. Mr. Richard *Leatherdale*, of Hadleigh, bookseller.

June 11. In his 23d year, Mr. Francis *Blick*, editor of "The Birmingham Gazette," eldest son of the Rev. F. Blick, Rector of Tamworth.

June 21. In George Town, America, aged 50, Mr. John *March*, formerly a bookseller and printer at Yarmouth and Norwich.

June . . . Aged 92, Mr. John *Russell*, bookseller, Guildford, four times Mayor of that Borough.

July 13. In Harley-street, John *March*, Esq. printer to the Bank of England, and of Tower-hill. See Lit. Anecd. III. 446.

Aug. 12. Mr. John *Bird*, bookbinder, Ave Maria Lane, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

Aug. 21. Mr. Charles *Smith*, bookseller, Millsom-street, Bath.

1804, Sept. 19. In Wells-street, in his 85th year, John *Woodyer*, Esq. formerly an eminent bookseller at Cambridge: a man of extensive knowledge, placid disposition, and great probity. He was a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1804 or 1805. Mr. John *Townsend*, of Wandsworth, afterwards of Ringwood, Hants, Master of the Company of Stationers in 1793.

1805, March 12. At Hampstead, aged 68, Jonathan *Key*, Esq. of Abchurch-lane, wholesale stationer.

May . . . At Verdun, Mr. James *Parry*, late proprietor of "The Courier."

Oct. 13. Aged 56, Mr. Wm. *Flower*, of Islington, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1805 or 1806. Mr. George *H. Witherby*, law stationer, of Birchin-lane, a liveryman of the Stationers' Company.

1806, Jan. . . . Mr. *Young*, bookseller, Bristol.

Feb. 22. Mr. J. *Phillips*, bookseller, of "The Temple of the Muses," Finsbury-square.

May 12. Aged 76, Mr. Robert *Gyfford*, of Tower-street, father of the Stationers' Company, of which he served Master. He was succeeded in business by his son Mr. *Samuel Gyfford*, who also served Master of the Stationers' Company in 1854, and died May 4, 1856, aged about 76.

1806, July 13. At Bristol, aged 64, Mr. John T. *Sutton*, printer.

Aug. 25. In his 47th year, Mr. John *Gregory*, editor of "The Leicester Journal." See Lit. Anec. III. 678.

Aug. ... Murdered, by a mock trial, M. *Palm*, bookseller, Nuremberg.

Sept. ... At Clifton, aged 62, Henry *Goldney*, Esq. of Walton on Thames, an Assistant of the Company of Stationers, for some years a printer in Paternoster Row.

Dec. 4. At an advanced age, at Edinburgh, John *Jackson*, Esq. chief proprietor of the Theatre Royal in that city. He wrote a History of the Scottish Stage, Edinb. 1793, 8vo. in which he gave some memoirs of himself.

Dec. 30. Mr. *Cowslade*, one of the proprietors of "The Reading Mercury." He married the eldest daughter of Christopher Smart, the poet.

1807, Jan. 6. Mr. Christopher *Brown*, who was well known among the booksellers of London for half a century. He was apprenticed in the house of Mr. Richard Baldwin, of Paternoster Row. He afterwards entered into the service of Mr. Longman, with whom he remained till his death. (See vol. III. p. 724.) No man ever left behind him a fairer or better-earned reputation for scrupulous and inflexible integrity, for active zeal, constancy, and perseverance in discharging the duties of the situation which had been confided to him. There is a portrait of him in masonic costume. His son Mr. *Thomas Brown* is an active partner in the firm of Longman and Co. and renter warden of the Company of Stationers in 1857.

Jan. 6. In his 39th year, Mr. John *Swann*, paper-maker, of Wolvercote, co. Oxford.

Feb. 15. In his 83d year, Mr. Richard *Middleton*, formerly a printer at Bristol.

June 2. Aged 46, Mr. Robert *Butler*, editor and proprietor of "The Blackburn Mail."

June ... Aged 84, Mr. Thomas *Miller*, 50 years bookseller, &c. at Halesworth, Suffolk. Lit. Anec. III. 681.

Oct. 9. In his 80th year, Mr. John *Wingrave*, many years a bookbinder in Red Lion Court, Fleet-street. He was father of the bookbinding trade, and one of the oldest inhabitants of the parish of St. Dunstan in the West, of which he happened to be a constable in 1767, when he apprehended the notorious Mother Brownrigg. He at that time published "A Narrative of the many cruelties inflicted upon her apprentice Mary Clifford, for which she received sentence of death, Sept. 12, 1767."

Dec. 13. Mr. J. *Northall*, of the firm of Northall and Dawson, booksellers, Stockport, Cheshire.

1808, Jan. 10. Mr. William *Edwards*, bookseller, aged 86. He was a character of very great eminence, of no common estimation for the energies of his mind. His skill in collecting rare works, not less than his exquisite taste in rich and expensive bindings, will long be remembered in the annals of bibliography. He brought up four sons to his own business, most of whom retired

from trade to enjoy the comfort of well-earned fortunes. In 1781 Mr. Edwards senior, then 64 years of age, set up his eldest son *James*, with a younger brother *John*, in business in Pall Mall, under the firm of Edwards and Sons. *John Edwards* died in early life, and the business was conducted some years by Mr. James Edwards with great reputation. By success in trade, and particularly by the purchase of several whole libraries in Italy, and selling them by auction (among others the far-famed Pinelli Library) in about 20 years James Edwards acquired a considerable fortune and retired from business; he was succeeded by Mr. H. *Evans*, afterwards the celebrated book-auctioneer. James Edwards died Jan. 2, 1816, at his house at Harrow, to the great regret of his friends. A memoir and character of him will be found in the "Literary Illustrations," vol. IV. p. 881.

Mr. *Richard Edwards*, another brother, was some time a bookseller in Bond-street, but, retiring from trade, obtained an appointment under Government in Minorca.

The youngest son, Mr. *Thomas Edwards*, after his father's death in 1808, continued as a bookseller at Halifax with great reputation, but shortly before his death had retired from business to Southport, where he died May 26, 1834, and was buried at Trinity Church, Hull. He left a widow and family to lament the loss of a most worthy man.

1808, Jan. 29. Mr. Benjamin *Collins*, printer, Salisbury, publisher of "The Salisbury Journal," maternal grandfather of Sir Benjamin Collins Brodie, Bart. Serjeant-Surgeon to Her Majesty.

Jan. ... At Hinckley, Miss *Ward*, bookseller and stationer.

May 18. At Chelsea, Mr. Patrick *Boyle*, printer, inventor and proprietor of "The Court Guide."

June 1. At Nottingham, Mr. *Tupman*, printer and bookseller.

1808, June 11th. Richard *Waller*, Esq. of Bevis Hill, near Southampton, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

Sept. 9. In his 34th year Mr. George *Ward*, printer and bookseller, and clerk to the magistrates, Hinckley.

Oct. ... Mr. *Brown*, printer, Bristol.

Nov. 17. Mr. George *Reid*, printer of two of the principal papers of Edinburgh.

1809, Jan. 1. Mr. Alexander *Hogg*, bookseller, Paternoster Row. See a notice of him in Gent. Mag. Jan. 1809, p. 90.

March 7. In Essex-street, Dublin, Mr. Thomas *McDonnell*, proprietor of "The Hibernian Journal."

March ... At Bristol Hotwells, Mrs. Henry *Caslon*, letter-founder, who, with her able assistant Mr. Drury, renewed the credit of the Caslon letter foundry. See an article on the Caslon family, where this lady is noticed, under May 28, 1850.

May 15. In her 78th year, Mrs. Anna Maria *Smart*, of Reading, relict of the Rev. Christopher Smart, the poet. She was principal proprietor of "The Reading Mercury" for 40 years. See an account of this worthy woman in Gent. Mag. 1809, i. 582.

May 24. In Rathbone Place, Mr. John *Nicholls*, editor of the "Sunday Monitor," the first Sunday paper that was published.

May 27. In St. Martin's Lane, aged 50, Mr. Joseph *Smeaton*, printer and stationer, and Elizabeth his wife. They perished in the fire that burnt their house.

June 3. Aged 71, M. J. P. De la *Grange*, law bookseller in Greek Street, Soho.

June 7. In his 45th year, Mr. Nathaniel *Catherwood*, of the firm of Caslon and Catherwood, letter-founders, Chiswell Street.

June 29. In his 40th year, Mr. Thomas *Isherwood*, of Ludgate-hill.

1809. Charles *Hering*, a bookbinder of London, and after Roger Payne's death considered the head of the craft. He was an excellent binder and a remarkably industrious man. His bindings exhibited a strength and finish which render his work of much value. His brother, Mr. *J. Hering*, succeeded him in his business, and was the first person who revived stamped calf binding.

1809, Aug. . . Samuel *Harward*, bookseller at Charlton, Gloucestershire. He was a man of uncommon activity of mind and body, and in the early part of his life kept no fewer than four different shops. He left behind him very considerable property and a large collection of books.

Nov. 13. Mr. John *Park*, bookseller, Ludgate-street.

Dec. 20. Mr. Joseph *Johnson*, bookseller, St. Paul's Church-yard, a publisher chiefly of theological and political books. See Lit. Anecd. III. 461.; VII. 201. 604.

1809 or 1810. James *Buckland*, Mile End, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1809 or 1810. Richard *Starkey*, stationer, Newgate-street, an Assistant of the Company of Stationers.

1810, March 31. At Milland House, Sussex, John *Wilkes*, Esq. of Ave Maria-lane, proprietor of "The Encyclopedia Londinensis;" formerly a bookseller and printer at Winchester. He was a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

March. At Bury St. Edmund's, Mr. *Whybrew*, bookbinder.

March. At an advanced age, Mr. T. *Watkins*, bookseller, Hereford.

1810. Thomas *Kirkgate*, for upwards of 30 years printer to Horace Walpole, Earl of Orford, at Strawberry Hill, who left him a legacy of £100. Soon after his death was published "A Catalogue of the valuable Collection, late the property of T. Kirkgate, 1810."

Sept. 5. At Brighton, aged 62, Henry *Hughs*, Esq. of Harley-street, printer to the House of Commons. He was a good scholar, and a worthy unassuming man. (See Lit. Anecd. III. 464. V. 35.) Mr. Hughs was the son of Mr. John Hughs, noticed under Sept. 30, 1771. His widow, Elizabeth, survived him more than 43 years, and died in Harley-street, March 5, 1856, aged 87. They had only one child, a daughter. "His real character was known but to few, and to those few only who sat with him in the

privacy of an evening's chat, when the mind opened itself in cultivated reflections, eminently consoling to the night's rest, and cheering to the next day's business." Letter of Mr. Luke Hansard to Mr. Nichols, 14 Sept. 1812.

1811, March 29. At York, aged 75, Mr. John *Todd*, a bookseller of great eminence.

April 5. At Bath, aged 50, Mr. Benjamin *Hollingworth*, of Watling-street, London, wholesale stationer; and for some years a surgeon, &c. at Smithfield Bars.

April 11. At Kew Green, suddenly, Mr. *Wall*, bookseller, Richmond, Surrey, where his family had been established as booksellers, stationers, &c. for upwards of a century.

April 15. Mr. Alexander *Bartholoman*, printer and proprietor of "The York Herald."

May 22. Mr. George *Robinson*, jun. See p. 470.

May 23. Mr. Joseph *Lansdown*, bookseller, Bristol.

June 15. Suddenly, Mr. *Mackinlay*, bookseller, of the Strand, of the firm of Payne and Mackinlay, successors to Mr. Peter Elmsly.

Aug. 11. Mr. Hugh *Brown*, many years printer of "The Morning Herald."

Aug. 9. At his son's in Fleet-street, aged 66, Mr. John *M'Creery*, formerly of Liverpool, the father of Mr. John *M'Creery*, the celebrated printer.

Aug. 20. At Islington, of a malignant fever, originating from the effects of the night air in travelling, Mr. Thomas *Hood*, bookseller, of the Poultry. Mr. Hood was a native of Scotland, and came to London to seek his fortune, where he was in a humble position for the first five or six years. He latterly became acquainted with Mr. *Vernor*, senior, who was of the principles of Robert Sandiman; was also a preacher in Paul's Alley, Barbican, and kept a circulating library in St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, with the addition of a bookseller's shop in Fore-street. Mr. Vernor had a son, who married Miss Man, but lost his life shortly after his marriage by being overturned from a chaise into a pond. His partner, Mr. Vernor, senior, died soon afterwards. Mr. Thomas Hood married a sister of Mr. Vernor, junior, by whom he had a large family; he was a truly domestic man, and a real man of business. Mr. Hood was one of the ASSOCIATED BOOKSELLERS, who selected valuable old books for reprinting, with great success. Messrs. Vernor and Hood afterwards moved into the Poultry, and took into partnership Mr. C. *Sharpe*, son of Mr. Sharpe, an eminent grocer of Fenchurch-street, who died Dec. 7, 1854. The firm of Vernor and Hood published "The Beauties of England and Wales," "The Mirror," "Bloomfield's Works," &c. &c. Mr. Hood was the father of *Thomas Hood*, the celebrated comic poet, who died May 3, 1845. See an account of him in Gent. Mag. for July 1845, p. 84.

Sept. 25. In his 88th year, Mr. Joshua *Eddowes*, bookseller and printer of Shrewsbury.

1811, Nov. . . . Aged 82, Mr. *Badham*, bookseller, Hereford. He left 300*l.* to the Hereford Infirmary, 300*l.* to the Charity School, and 300*l.* to Trinity Hospital, Hereford.

Dec. 22. At Hendon, Mr. John *Harris*, printseller, of Sweeting's Alley, Royal Exchange.

1812, Feb. 14. Aged 79, Mr. John *Cook*, of Long Acre, bookseller and stationer, formerly a schoolmaster. He wrote sermons for idle clergymen, and published some school books. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1812, i. 197.

April 16. At the Union Fire Office, Cornhill, Mr. Charles Philip *Galabin*, secretary, and printer in Fenchurch-street; son of Mr. J. W. Galabin, Bridgemaster.

Aug. 3. In his 73d year, Mr. Francis *Roome*, bookseller at Derby, and 46 years organist at St. Werburgh's.

Oct. 17. Aged 75, Francis *Hodson*, many years proprietor and printer of the "Cambridge Chronicle." He brought up a family of nearly twenty children. Mrs. Hodson died Feb. 27, 1804. Mr. *Edward Hodson*, their eldest son, who succeeded to the business, died in Oct. 1817.

Oct. 30. At Ashted, aged 74, Mr. Miles *Swinney*, proprietor of the "Birmingham Chronicle."

Nov. 9. At Turnham Green, in his 70th year, Mr. William *Otridge*, many years a respectable bookseller in the Strand. See vol. III. p. 54. He was for about five years a deacon and occasionally a preacher in a society of General Baptists at a chapel formerly Dr. Andrew Gifford's. He was one of the Associated Booksellers (see before, under Mr. Hood, Aug. 20, 1811, p. 476.)

Nov. 16. At Teddington, in his 74th year, John *Walter*, Esq. principal proprietor of The Times. In Nov. 1789, he was sentenced for a libel on the Duke of York. Mr. Walter wasted much money in endeavouring to perfect printing by logographic types.

Dec. 10. Aged 41, Henry *Dench*, a worthy compositor (noticed in *Lit. Anec.* II. 702.) See a memoir of him by J. Nichols, in *Gent. Mag.* 1812, ii. 595.

1812. . . . Henry *Faulkner*, an excellent bookbinder, leaving a large family.

1812 or 1813. Richard *Ford*, Esq. Fenchurch Street, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1813, Jan. 26. At Salisbury, Mr. *Luxford*, of the firm of Brodie and Co. and the conductor of "The Salisbury Journal."

March 25. At Kettering, in his 84th year, Mr. Nathaniel *Collis*, bookseller. See *Lit. Anecd.* III. 673; VIII. 469.

April 30. In his 75th year, Mr. James *Bowling*, proprietor of "The Leeds Mercury."

May 4. Of consumption, aged 25, Mr. John *Fleming*, a compositor, and native of Aberdeen. By unwearied application he had attained a considerable knowledge of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy, and had delivered Lectures on Geology, &c. at Aberdeen.

1813, May . . . Mr. David *Ramsay*, long proprietor of "The Edinburgh Evening Courant."

May . . . Aged 78, E. *Edwards*, bookseller, Ruthin, Denbighshire. For 40 years he was as stationary as his counter. He amassed 4600*l.* in 3 per cents. besides other property, the whole of which he left between two daughters; and in default of issue to the Chester and Liverpool Infirmaries, in equal proportions.

May . . . At Cottage-place, Chelmsford, aged 80, Mr. William *Clachar*, many years proprietor of "The Chelmsford Chronicle."

June 13. At York, aged 34, Robert *Spence*, one of the proprietors of "The York Herald," and son of the bookseller of that name, who died Aug. 11, 1824.

June 15. At Plymouth, aged 55, Mr. Benjamin Robert *Haydon*, bookseller and printer.

Aug. 13. Aged 63, Mr. W. *Appleton*, bookseller, Darlington.

Aug. In his 76th year, at Holloway, D. *Brewman*, proprietor of "The Sunday Monitor," and many years an active printer and publisher in London.

Sept. 21. At Oxford, Mr. John *Bartlett*, printer. He died from a fall into a dry well in the Castle Hill.

Oct. 9. In his 50th year, Mr. Arnaud *Dulau*, bookseller, Soho Square.

Oct. 13. At Dumfries, Mr. W. *Chalmers*, bookseller.

Oct. At Newcastle, aged 78, Mr. *Akenhead*, many years a respectable bookseller.

Nov. 12. At Pimlico, aged 93, Mr. T. *Becket*, bookseller, Pall Mall. See Lit. Anecd. Index, VII. 26.

Nov. 14. In Piccadilly, aged 32, Mr. Robert *Mercer*, bookseller.

Nov. 20. John Baptist *Bodoni*, printer at Parma. See account of him in Timperley's History of Printing, p. 851.

Dec. 6. Mr. John *Robinson*, bookseller. See before, under 1801, p. 470.

1814, Jan. 12. Aged 80, Evan *Thomas*, a native of South Wales, bred a printer, but who afterwards became an astrologer, a dabbler in the black art, and fortune-teller. He died in the work-house.

Jan. 14. John *Blake*, proprietor of "The Maidstone Journal," and one of the Jurats of that town.

Jan. 26. Mr. John *Rose*, many years a respectable printer at Bristol.

Jan. 29. At Brighton, aged 76, William *Lane*, Esq. formerly of the Minerva Printing Office, Leadenhall-street, London; from which concern he had retired about ten years, in favour of his partner, Mr. Anthony K. *Newman*. He was long distinguished for his numerous publications of novels, and for the energy with which he established circulating libraries in almost every town in

the kingdom. He was a liveryman of the Company of Stationers. He was a Colonel of the City Trained Bands, and on the appointment of the regular City Militia became senior captain of one of the regiments. At the breaking out of the war about the year 1802, Captain Lane published "The Volunteer's Companion," of which 150,000 were sold in a few days. No man knew the world better, and none better how to manage and enjoy it. He was twice married, but left no children.

1814, Feb. 26. At Loughborough, in his 70th year, Mr. W. *Adams*, bookseller.

Feb. . . Aged 47, Jonathan *Knott*, printer and bookseller at Birmingham. In 1804 he, in conjunction with Mr. Robert Lloyd, purchased "Aris's Birmingham Gazette." As a member of society his conduct was ever generous and noble; as a tradesman, liberal and irreproachable. See *Gent. Mag.* 1814, i. p. 698.

Feb. . . At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, aged 55, Isaac *Garner*, printer, and a poet of considerable merit.

March 18. John *Vint*, editor of the "Isle of Man Weekly Gazette." Mr. Vint was a native of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (or of Alnwick), and during his apprenticeship officiated as editor and a compositor. He afterwards was engaged in London, as sub-editor of the *Morning Post and Courier*. He next conducted Harris's "Manchester Mercury and British Volunteer," but his final engagement was at Douglas, where he died in his 60th year. He was distinguished alike by talent and industry, and by exemplary conduct in domestic life.

May 8. William Nelson *Gardiner*, bookseller, Pall Mall. He was a man of great eccentricity of conduct. He fell under the lash of Dr. Dibdin,* who gave his character by the name of *Mustapha*. How well he could himself draw a character is exemplified in that of Mr. G. Leigh, the auctioneer, in *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. VIII. p. 459. Accumulated misery, both bodily and mental, led him to commit the crime of suicide. He sent to a friend the day he died the following memoir of himself, which is worth preservation.

"I, William Gardiner, was born June 11, 1766, in Dublin. I am the son of John Gardiner, who was *crier* and *factotum* to Judge Scott, and of Margaret (Nelson) his wife, a pastry-cook, in Henry-street. At an early age I discovered an *itch* for drawing, the first effort of which was spent in an attempt to immortalise Mr. Kennedy, my mother's foreman; and, vanity apart, it was at least as like to him as it was to any one else. At a proper age I was placed in the academy of Mr. S. Darling; there I was, if I recollect right, esteemed an ordinary boy; yet was I selected, according to annual custom, to represent, on a rostrum, *Cardinal Wolsey*, and *precious work* I dare say I made of it. Before I quit school and Mr. Sisson Darling, let me do him the justice to say that he was the only *true Whig* schoolmaster I ever heard of

* See Dibdin's *Bibliomania*, p. 163; his *Decameron*, III. pp. 9, 10; and *Reminiscences*, p. 298.

Neither he nor his ushers assumed any power to punish the slightest offence. A book was kept in school, in which the transgressions of every week were registered, with the proofs and evidence to the same. On Saturday the master sat as judge, and twelve of the senior boys as jury, and every offender was regularly tried, and dealt with strictly according to justice. There was no *venal* judge, whose *passions* became *law*—there was no packed jury to defeat the ends of truth. If ever there was an immaculate court of justice, that was it. My mother, the best and most pious of mothers, our sheet-anchor, dying, my father attached himself to Sir James Nugent, of Donore, county of Westmeath, an amiable and excellent gentleman; into his suite I was received. My father, a strictly honest and excellently tempered man, like myself, had neither *ballast* nor *reflection*, consequently I was at ten years old my own master. At that time my talents began to expand, and I then, as I have uniformly through life, found that I could easily make myself a *second-rate* master of any acquirement I chose to pursue. I *rode* tolerably, I *hunted* passably, I *shot* well, I *fished* well, I played on the violin, the dulcimer, and the German flute, tolerably; and my fondness for painting strengthened every day, and seemed to promise so fairly, that it was determined to send me to the Royal Academy in Dublin: there I stayed for about three years, and concluded by receiving a silver medal. London! imperial London! the streets paved with gold!!! struck my fancy. I adventured thither, and, being without any practicable talents, I of course wandered about some time without a plan. Chance led me to connect myself with a Mr. Jones in the Strand, who made what he called ‘reflecting mirrors,’ and cut profile shades in brass foil, which were denominated ‘polite remembrances to friends;’ my employ was to daub the portraits of any who were fools enough to sit to me. At this employment I got, most justly, neither praise nor profit. Falling in with a Mr. Davis, one of *Footé’s* performers, who was endeavouring to establish a theatre at *Mile-end*, I listed as scene-painter and actor, playing generally comedy, occasionally tragedy, and was thought to have some, though I believe very little, merit. The magistrates having interfered, the scheme was broken up, and my last theatrical effort was made as *Darby* in *The Poor Soldier*, in the Haymarket, which they said was not ill done; but acting was to me its own reward, which, not suiting the state either of my finances or my stomach, induced me to serve a Mrs. *Betham*, in Fleet-street, who had at that time a prodigious run for *black profile shades*; my business was to give them the *air* of figures in shade, rather than the blank black masses which were customary. About this time the celebrated antiquary, Captain Grose, took me up; and, observing that I had not talents to make an eminent painter, but that I might succeed as an engraver, he placed me with Mr. Godfrey, the engraver of the ‘Antiquarian Repertory.’ I served him some time; but, as he was merely an engraver of antiquities, I learned little from him. At my leisure I had engraved

an *original design* (stolen from Cipriani) of 'Shepherd Joe' in 'Poor Vulcan.' Chance led me with this for sale to the newly-opened shop of Messrs. Silvester and Edward *Harding*, in Fleet-street; and a connection ensued, which lasted through my best days. There I engraved many things of fancy materials; and also as many as time allowed of their Illustrations of Shakespeare—the principal part of the *Economy of Human Life*—and as many as I could of the *Memoirs de Grammont*; some of the plates to Lady Diana Beauclerk's edition of Dryden's *Fables* were entirely my own, and many of those with the name of Bartolozzi affixed were mine. I should have mentioned that a long time before Bartolozzi was satisfied with my work, and listed me among the number of his pupils. I prepared for him several plates, published by Macklin. I believe I was inferior only to Bartolozzi, Schiavonnetti, and Tomkins, of that day; but I never liked the profession of engraving. Gay, volatile, and lively as a lark, the process of the copper never suited me. Under propitious circumstances, my talents would have led me, perhaps, as an historical painter, to do something worth remembrance. An unfortunate summons from my father led me to forsake their mansion, and return to Dublin, where I only squandered my money and injured my health. Once more in London, I took lodgings in the house of Mr. Good, a stationer, in Bond-street; when, as the devil would have it, a new-married couple came to live at the back of us. They determined to give a dashing entertainment to the Prince of Wales and the nobility, and then retire to domesticate on their 'dirty acres.' For this purpose they erected a temporary apartment over their own yard and ours, approaching within half a yard of my window. I bored a hole through their tent to see the fun, stayed in the cold a great part of the night, and arose in the morning with an inflamed eye, which has never since recovered its strength, and has been the cause of all my subsequent endeavours to get a living in other lines. By the kindness of the amiable Dr. Farmer, I was admitted of Emmanuel College, where I remained two years; but, finding that an *Irishman* could not there get a Fellowship, I removed to Bene't, where I got a degree of *5th Senior Optime*. When it is considered that for the first two years I had no view of a fellowship, and that for the third year I was obliged to work principally for the 'day that was flying over my head,' I cannot but think I did as much comparatively as any man of my year. But Fortune was always a jade to me; and Mr. D'Oyly, chaplain at present to the Archbishop of Canterbury, most deservedly succeeded to the next vacant fellowship; yet they kept me five years dangling after a fellowship, and might have provided for me without injuring him.—At the dissolution of the partnership between S. and E. Harding, I remained with the latter, and principally employed myself in taking Silvester's place, that of copying portraits from oil to water colours. In this the testimony of the best artists in England are my witnesses that I beat hollow every one else. It was a line which suited me, which I liked, but

which my cursed stars would not patronize.—After this, all prospects in the church vanishing, and my eyes beginning to fail very fast, I turned Bookseller, and for the last 13 years have struggled in vain to establish myself. The same ill fortune which has followed me through life, has not here forsaken me. I have seen men on every side of me, greatly my inferiors in every respect, towering above me; while the most contemptible amongst them, without education, without a knowledge of their profession, and without an idea, have been received into palaces, and into the bosom of the great, while I have been forsaken and neglected, and my business reduced to nothing. It is, therefore, high time for me to be gone.

WILLIAM GARDINER."

The letter is dated May 9, but he committed the fatal act on the afternoon of the 8th. He had been united, it is said, to a very respectable and interesting young woman of the name of Seckerson, much against the wish of her friends. With her assistance he was enabled to open a bookseller's shop in Pall Mall, where, in a short time, he gained a very considerable knowledge of rare books; but, his wife and child dying, he became regardless of appearances. His dress and premises were equally filthy; yet many gentlemen of the first respectability resorted to his shop to benefit by his various knowledge, and to amuse themselves with his brilliant though eccentric conversation. In early life he was a very moral and charitable man. His eccentric habits were originally the accompaniments of his peculiar talents; and were fostered and increased by his disappointments in his undertakings, his privation of domestic happiness, and his late solitary manner of living. The Coroner's Inquest brought in a verdict of *Insanity*. With all his eccentricities, we believe he was a strictly honest man.

1814, June 21. Aged 65, Mr. John *Stockdale*, 44 years a bookseller in Piccadilly. Mr. Stockdale was not brought up a bookseller, but was some way connected with the iron trade. His father was said to be a blacksmith and nailer. He came to London to seek his fortune, and was engaged in the sale of newspapers and in laborious employment in Leather Lane, Holborn. He then became an assistant to the political bookseller John Almon, at the same time with his future rival in business John Debrett. About the end of the American war Stockdale set up business on his own account in Piccadilly. His first shopman was his brother-in-law, Mr. John Ridgway, whom he sent for from Cheshire; but they quarrelled, and Ridgway opened successfully another shop in the same street. In 1784 he first published his "Parliamentary Register." Assurance, resolution, and a strong tincture of common sense, raised him to a connection with one powerful party in the state, whose political pamphlets and speeches were published by him, and his shop was a kind of literary coffee-house for the news-seekers and politicians of the day. In 1789, Dec. 9, Stockdale was tried before Lord Kenyon for a libel on the House of Commons, reflecting on their impeachment of Warren

Hastings. Mr. Erskine was his powerful counsel, and after two hours' deliberation the jury acquitted him. Mr. Stockdale occasionally entered into literary speculations of considerable consequence. He published, with a list of 1400 subscribers, Cauchard's Map of the Seat of War. At the sale of Messrs. Robinsons he bought very largely, to the amount of 50,000*l.*; among other works the New Annual Register, and the second edition of Mr. Gough's Camden's Britannia, much to the annoyance of Mr. Gough, who refused to continue the work beyond vol. I., but Mr. Stockdale persevered, and with the assistance of Sir W. Betham (then a young man) completed the work in 4 volumes, 1806. His eldest son was the notorious John Joseph *Stockdale*, another bookseller, who died Feb. 16, 1847. (See hereafter.)

1814, June ... At Cambridge, Mr. John *Bowtell*, stationer and bookseller, leaving no issue. He willed the greater part of his property to the Colleges of Cambridge. He was a good ringer of bells.

July 7. At St. Andrew's, aged 91, Mr. P. *Bower*, bookseller, and Archbedel of the University, which office he held nearly 70 years.

July ... Mr. *Beaston*, proprietor of the "Isle of Man Weekly Gazette."

Aug. 6. At Highgate, aged 68, William *Bloxam*, esq. brother of Sir Matthew Bloxam, in business with Fourdrinier and Co.

Aug. 10. Mr. William *Cowdroy*, proprietor of "The Manchester Gazette;" a man of rare genius. See account of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1815, i. 572.

Aug. 22. At Deptford, Daniel Isaac *Eaton*, publisher of several improper theological and political works, for which he was prosecuted eight times.

Aug. 28. Mr. Thomas *Wilson*, printer, Bristol.

Aug. 29. Aged 37, William *Nicholson*, a native of Nether Wensleydale, Cumberland, printer of "The Weekly Dispatch."

1814, Nov. 22. Edward *Rushton*, bookseller, of Liverpool, whom Mr. M'Creery calls "a true friend to liberty, and an example of intellectual inflexible independence rare to be met with." He was for some years totally blind, and was editor of a newspaper called "The Herald." See an account of him in *Timperley's History of Printing*, p. 855.

1815, Jan. 10. Mr. Robert *Gilbert*, printer, who succeeded Mr. D. Bye, in St. John's Square. He was succeeded by two sons, one of whom, Mr. *Robert Gilbert*, the eminent printer, died in 1818. The other son was the eminent Mr. *Richard Gilbert*. He was originally an accountant of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge at the office in Bartlett's Buildings; but on the death of his father he joined his brother as a printer; which business he much enlarged, particularly after his marriage, Sept. 11, 1823, with Anne, only daughter of the Rev. George Whittaker,

of Northfleet, and sister of George Byrom Whittaker, esq. bookseller in Ave Maria-lane, who in that year was one of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. On the death of his brother-in-law Mr. Whittaker, in 1847, Mr. Gilbert and his family acquired a very considerable fortune; and his only son, Mr. Robert Gilbert, succeeded to his uncle's share in the business as a bookseller and publisher.

Mr. Richard Gilbert was the author of the "*Liber Scholasticus*," a useful compilation, which passed through more than one edition. He was also the compiler and editor of at least three editions, in 1818, 1822, and 1836, of "*The Clerical Guide, or Ecclesiastical Directory*" (a list of the benefices in England and Wales, and their incumbents; since superseded by the annual publication of "*The Clergy List*," which was commenced in 1840); and he was the projector and editor for many years of the *Clergyman's Almanack and Pocket Companion* (which first appeared in 1819), published by the Company of Stationers. In 1841 he was elected one of the stockkeepers of that society. Mr. Gilbert was an active governor of Christ's and St. Bartholomew's Hospitals. He was also many years one of the General Committee, and finally one of the Auditors, of the Royal Literary Fund for Relief of Authors. He died in Euston-square, Feb. 26, 1852, aged 58; and was buried, March 4th, in the vaults of St. John's Church, Clerkenwell, in which parish he was born, and with which he had been connected throughout his life. He was, we believe, mainly instrumental in the erection of two churches in that neighbourhood, St. Philip's and St. Mark's.

The printing-office in St. John's Square was first formed by Mr. James *Emonson*, a relation and once a partner of the celebrated printer William Bowyer. Mr. Emonson died June 6, 1780.

Other persons connected with that printing-office have been:—Mr. John *Rivington* (one of the sons of Mr. Charles Rivington, of St. Paul's Churchyard), who died June 28, 1785; his widow Mrs. Rivington, whose name appears for many years as printer to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; Mr. Deodatus *Bye*, a very worthy and amiable man, who died Feb. 12, 1826, and to whose memory his attached friend Mr. John Nichols, (not long before his own lamented decease,) paid a just and feeling tribute, in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for Feb. 1826, p. 181:—Mr. *Henry Law*, second son of Mr. Bedwell Law, and brother of Mr. Charles Law, wholesale bookseller, and partner with Mr. G. B. Whittaker, in Ave-Maria Lane.

The present head of the printing-office in St. John's Square is Mr. William *Rivington*, youngest son of Charles Rivington, esq. the late highly respected bookseller of Waterloo Place.

1815, Jan. 11. John *Young*, proprietor and publisher of the *Inverness Journal*.

Jan. 19. Aged 52, R. *Wetherald*, printer at Durham,

youngest son of Mr. R. Wetherald, who first established printing at Sunderland.

1815, Jan. 23. William *Phillips*, printer, Bristol.

1815, Jan. 26. John *Rose*, printer and bookseller, Bristol. He was author of "A Constitutional Catechism," 8vo. 1795; and "Letters to the Right Hon. C. B. Bathurst, relative to the imprisonment of John Gale Jones," 8vo. 1817.

Jan. ... At Clapham Rise, aged 38, John *Mattheson*, editor of the East India Register, &c.

[In 1815 Benjamin *Foster*, an ingenious compositor in the employ of Mr. Samuel Hamilton, printer at Weybridge, invented the composition balls; and in 1819 invented an inking cylinder for the purpose of distributing the ink in more equal proportions before it is taken on the roller that passes over the types. These inventions produced the apparatus so long and so unsuccessfully sought by Earl Stanhope, and without which no printing machinery would ever have so well succeeded. Mr. Foster was afterwards in business in London as a printers' ink-maker.]

Feb. 18. In St. Martin's Lane, Mr. Charles *Herring*, a famous bookbinder, much patronised by Earl Spencer, Dr. Dibdin, and other bibliographers.

March ... John *Grist*, many years a respectable bookseller and printer at Portsmouth.

March ... Aged 57, Mr. *Drury*, printer and bookseller at Lincoln.

May ... At Canterbury, aged 53, Mr. James *Claris*, bookseller.

1815, May ... At Thatcham, Berks, aged 85, Mr. Thomas *Hooke*, formerly a stationer in Walbrook, and afterwards a paper-maker in Berks. He was father of the Company of Stationers, of which he served master in 1793.

1815. William *Martin*, letter-founder, brother of Robert Martin, the apprentice of Baskerville. He was first of Birmingham, and afterwards set up a foundry in Duke-street, St. James's, Westminster. He was employed by Messrs. Bulmer and Nicol in the Shakspeare printing office. He executed Baskerville's types; but his Greeks and Oriental formed perhaps the most valuable of his collection. His foundry was in 1817 added to the Caslon. He was buried in St. James's Church, Westminster.

1815, June ... Wm. Henry *Lunn*, a very eminent bookseller. Mr. Lunn resided as a bookseller at Cambridge for ten years. In March 1797 he proceeded to London and succeeded Mr. Hayes in Oxford-street, and afterwards established the Classical Library in Soho-square, upon an extensive plan. The following account of him is extracted chiefly from a friendly memoir by the celebrated Dr. Samuel Parr, prefixed to his final Catalogue.* "The views of Mr. Lunn were announced in a perspicuous and even elegant advertisement, with a tone of thinking far raised

* See it at length in *Gent. Mag.* 1815, ii. 181.

above the narrow and selfish views of a mind intent only upon profit. The fortune which Mr. Lunn inherited from his father was very inconsiderable. On his first settlement in London, a part of the property bequeathed to him ultimately by his uncle, Mr. René la Butte, of Cambridge, amounting to nearly 10,000*l.* came into his possession. His vigilance and integrity were manifested in the good condition of his books; and perhaps his munificence was more to be commended than his discretion. The whole of his property was embarked in his trade, and, under circumstances more favourable, his accumulations must have been rapid. But he had to struggle with unusual and most stubborn difficulties. The return of peace, by opening a free communication with the Continent, was beneficial to other trades, but injurious to Mr. Lunn, and was no doubt the chief cause of those embarrassments which disturbed his spirits and shortened his existence. Disappointed in his expectations, and alarmed at the prospect of impending losses, perplexed by the application of creditors, whose demands he had frequently satisfied with exemplary punctuality, unaccustomed to propitiate the severe by supplications, to trick the artful by evasion, and to distress the friendly by delay, he was suddenly bereaved of that self-command which, if he could have preserved it, would eventually have secured for him unsullied respectability, undiminished prosperity, and undisturbed tranquillity. But in the poignant anguish of his soul, delicacy prevailed over reason, and panic over fortitude. Happily for the human race, all the extenuations which accompany such cases are reserved for the tribunal of that Being, who knoweth of what we are made, and remembereth that we are but dust. Many a Christian will be disposed to commiserate the circumstances of Mr. Lunn's death, and many a man of letters will find reason to deplore the loss of his well-meant and well-directed labours." Mrs. Lunn and her daughter had not the means of carrying on the business. Their doom was to lament an affectionate husband and an indulgent father.

1815, June 27. At Highgate, in his 45th year, Robin *Allen*, Esq., a partner in the firm of Lackington, Allen, and Co., Finsbury Square.

1815, Aug. 16. Aged 67, Mr. Benjamin *Crosby*, bookseller, Stationers' Court. He first was assistant to Mr. Nunn, and afterwards to Messrs. Robinson, Paternoster Row. He was one of the first London booksellers who regularly travelled through the country to effect sales. In 1814 he had an attack of paralysis, and was obliged to part with his business; a portion of which was taken by Messrs. Baldwin, Cradock, and Joy; and the remainder, with the premises, by his able assistants, Messrs. William Simpkin and Richard Marshall, who made the business one of the largest in the kingdom. Mr. Simpkin retired from it about 1828, and died Dec. 25, 1854. (See *Gent. Mag.* for Feb. 1855, p. 222). A daughter of Mr. Simpkin is the wife of H. G. Bohn, Esq. of York Street, the eminent publisher. Mr. Marshall has also retired with an ample fortune. The concern is now carried on

by Miles and Co., but under the old names of Simpkin and Marshall. See anecdotes of Mr. Crosby in Additions to Timperley's History of Printing, p. 11.

1815, Oct. 22. Aged 52, John *Dean*, printer and bookseller at Congleton, Cheshire, and an alderman of that town.

Dec. 30. At Battle Bridge, in his 56th year, Mr. Daniel *Bond*. He was son of Mr. Richard Bond, who is noticed in Lit. Anecd. vol. III. p. 287. He was brought up under his father's eye, in the printing office of Mr. Nichols; and continued there (with the exception of a short period during which he carried on business as a printer on his own account, but unsuccessfully,) till his death. As a compositor, he was a most valuable assistant; and his steady services might always be relied on. In early diligence and application to business, he outrivalled his worthy father: for, when not prevented by ill health, he was in summer-time almost uniformly at his post by daybreak; and even in the depth of winter resigned the comfort of a warm bed at three or four o'clock in the morning without regret, to trace his solitary path to his accustomed employment. Moral in his conduct, temperate and rationally frugal in his habits, mild and unassuming in his manners, he afforded an example which others will do well to imitate. Mr. Bond, to more general acquirements, added a considerable taste in music; and those who have heard him when in health sing "Then farewell, my trim-built wherry," and songs of a similar cast, will not easily forget the feeling and expression which he infused into them. With such qualities and claims to esteem, it is not to be wondered at that his death should have excited the sincere regret of those with whom he was connected.

1815 or 1816. Mr. H. *Ledger*, of Bucklersbury, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1815 or 1816. Mr. Daniel H. *Webb*, of Denham, Bucks, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1816, Jan. 2. Aged 59, James *Edwards*, Esq. of Harrow, bookseller. See Literary Illustrations, vol. IV. 881-884; VIII. Index, p. 36; and this volume, p. 474.

Jan. 17. Aged 74, Thomas *Billinge*, printer and proprietor of "The Liverpool Advertiser," and afterwards of "The Liverpool Marine Intelligencer." His wife died in 1804.

Jan. 28. Aged 49, Robert *Trueman*, jun. proprietor of "The Exeter Flying Post," and a member of the corporation of Exeter.

Feb. 16. Aged 56, William *Pick*, of York, printer and publisher of "The Historical Racing Calendar," "Turf Register," "Sportsman's Vade Mecum," &c.

March 25. At Dulwich College, Richard *Dowell*, Esq. 34 years organist there, and formerly a printer. He was born at Great Gidding, Hunts. His father was one of the proprietors of a York coach, which he drove himself. He was apprenticed to Messrs. Bowyer and Nichols, printers, where he continued several years; and was particularly noticed by Lord Mulgrave and Bishop Percy, on whose works he was employed as a compositor. At

his leisure he taught himself music, which was fortunate for him, as his eyesight and strength were not equal to the exertions of a printer. An advertisement appearing for an organist to Dulwich College, Dr. Percy patronized Mr. Dowell so effectually as to procure his return as one of two selected, Dr. Burney being the other candidate. Dr. Burney first drew a blank; and Mr. Dowell opened his paper, on which was "God's Gift," and a gracious gift it proved. His heart was filled with gratitude, and he frequently afterwards said, "God sent him there to fit him for Heaven." He died in his 68th year. For a memoir of Mr. Dowell, written by his fellow workman Mr. Thomas Bennett, see *Gent. Mag.* 1816, I. 378.

1816, March . . . At Washington, Mr. James *Maguire*. See an account of this learned printer in *Gent. Mag.* 1816, i. 180.

April 16. Aged 56, Charles *Cooke*, Esq. bookseller, Paternoster Row; a liveryman of the Stationers' Company. He was the son of Mr. *John Cooke*, who died March 25, 1810, aged 79. (See *Lit. Anec.* III. 719.)

May 23. Aged 37, Caleb *Stower*, an ingenious printer at Hackney; a native of Taunton, who first commenced business in Paternoster Row. He was the author of "The Printers' Grammar, 8vo. 1808," and one or two other professional books. He left a widow and four children to deplore his loss.

June 18. Aged 73, Isaac *Clarke*, bookseller, Manchester, a most respectable man of business.

Aug 9. At Blandford, in his 79th year, William *Sollers*, Esq. one of the principal booksellers in the West of England. See account of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1816, ii. 189.

1816, Sept. 21. At Hereford, in his 74th year, George *Leigh*, Esq. the eminent book auctioneer, youngest son of the Rev. Eger-ton Leigh, LL.D. archdeacon of Salop, and canon of Hereford. He was the apprentice and partner of Mr. Baker, and afterwards of Mr. Sotheby his nephew. In later life he was associated with Mr. Sotheby's worthy son. His pleasant disposition, his skill, and integrity are well known. See his character in Dr. Dibdin's Works; and by Mr. Gardiner in *Lit. Anec.* VIII. 549. A full account will be found in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1816, ii. pp. 375. 478. See also *Lit. Anecd. Index*, vol. VII. pp. 227. 613. There is an excellent portrait of him, with his hammer in his hand, drawn by W. Behnes, and engraved by J. Swaine.

1816, Oct. 16. Aged 77, Mr. Wm. *Stephens*, stationer, of Bartholomew Lane and Islington. He was Master of the Stationers' Company in 1800. See an account of him by Mr. A. Chalmers in *Gent. Mag.* 1816, ii. 478.

1816. Aged about 70, Mr. John *Noorthouck*, nearly 50 years a liveryman of the Company of Stationers. He was the son of Herman Noorthouck, a bookseller of some eminence, and was himself distinguished as a literary character, and a worthy man. He was early in life patronised by Mr. Owen Ruffhead and the late Wm. Strahan, Esq. On this last friend he wrote a poetical

character, printed in *Lit. Anec.* III. 395. He passed nearly the whole of his life in the useful occupations of an author, an index-maker, and a corrector of the press; though the only works to which we recollect his name being affixed are, 1. A laborious and a very useful "*History of London*," 1775, 4to.; and, 2. "*An Historical and Classical Dictionary*," 2 vols. 1776, 8vo. See *Literary Anecdotes*, VII. 293, 639.

1816 or 1817. Mr. Richard *Ware*, of Newington Butts, an old liveryman of the Company of Stationers, having been elected in 1758.

1816 or 1817. Mr. Humphrey *Simmons*, George Lane, an old liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1817, Feb. 21. At Camberwell, Mr. John *Walker*, bookseller, and book auctioneer to the Trade; also a Common Councilman for Farringdon Within. See *Lit. Anec.* III. 666, 668. and p. 470 of this volume.

March 4. At Claydon, Suffolk, aged 65, John *Morgan*, Esq. wholesale stationer, Ludgate Hill, and an assistant of the Company of Stationers.

March 14. Aged 34, Mr. James *Gibson*, printer and bookseller, Malton. He died at York whilst attending the assizes.

March 27. At Halliford, Josiah *Boydell*, Esq. a superior artist and partner with his uncle, Mr. Alderman John Boydell, whom he succeeded to his civic gown, as well as the business, in 1805. In 1811 he served as Master of the Company of Stationers. His portrait is noticed in p. 457 of this volume. See *Lit. Anec. Index* VII. p. 46; and an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1817, ii. 376.

April 10. At Blackwell, near Chesham, Bucks, James Wallis *Street*, esq. of Bucklersbury. He was Master of the Company of Stationers in 1814.

1817, July . . Aged 73, Mr. William *Bruce*, of Round Court in the Strand, one of the oldest booksellers in London. See *Gent. Mag.* for 1817, ii. p. 88.

Sept. 3. At Somers Town, in his 26th year, Mr. Edward *Baldwyn*, printseller, late of Catherine-street.

Oct. . . At Islington, Mr. Edward *Hodson*, printer, eldest son of Mr. F. Hodson, proprietor of the *Cambridge Chronicle*.

Nov. 27. In Change-alley, London, aged 35, Mr. Wm. Ousefield *Warder*, bookseller, partner with his uncle Mr. R. Warder.

Nov. 28. At Leeds, Mr. Isaac *Nichols*, bookseller and stationer.

1817, Nov. . . In his 59th year, Mr. Ambrose *Pitman*, musician. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* Jan. 1816, p. 28.

Dec. 16. Aged 65, Beale *Blackwell*, Esq. of Charles-street, Northampton-square, Clerkenwell, an eminent manufacturer of printers' ink. He showed both his kindness of heart and just appreciation of the profession by which he had risen to affluence, by his benefaction to the Stationers' Company of 100*l.* a year for

twenty deserving journeymen letter-press printers, to be paid on the anniversary of his decease, under the name of "Beale Blackwell Gift."

1817 or 1818. Mr. James *Adlard*, printer, of Duke-street, Smithfield, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1817 or 1818. John *Willes*, Esq. Dulwich, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1818, Jan. 7. At Bury St. Edmund's, Mr. Peter *Gedge*, the intelligent editor and proprietor of "The Bury and Norwich Post."

Jan. 9. Aged 99, John *Smith*, an eccentric character, commonly known as "Old John." He was messenger at the King's Printing Office very many years. There is a good portrait of him. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1818, i. 90.

Jan. 16. At Hammersmith, in the prime of life, A. B. *Turnbull*, Esq. editor of "The Public Ledger." See character of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1818, i. 92.

Jan 29. At Homerton, aged 66, Mr. Wilford *Tiffin*, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

March 29. At Bath, Mr. John *Binns*, bookseller.

March 30. In George-street, Blackfriars-road, Surrey, in his 73d year, Mr. Thomas *Bennett*, a very worthy, estimable journeyman printer, 47 years in the employ of Messrs. Bowyer, J. Nichols, and J. B. Nichols, and one of the annuitants at Stationers' Hall. (See vol. III. p. 288.) He was, though in humble life, no ordinary character as is evinced in an account of him, written by his son, Mr. James Bennett, in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1818, i. p. 380. Four of his sons were composers. His eldest son, Mr. *William Bennett*, died July 2, 1801. (See p. 470 of this volume.) His second son, *Thomas*, left a large family behind him, unprovided for. His third son, Mr. *James Bennett*, was afterwards a bookseller at Kentish Town, and in 1821 published a weekly periodical entitled "The Gossip; a series of original Essays and Letters, Literary, Historical, and Critical; Descriptive Sketches, Anecdotes, and original Poetry," 1 vol. 8vo. His fourth son, *John*, a retired coal-meter, still survives.

1818, April 1. In Dean-street, Fetter-lane, in his 76th year, William *Preston*, Esq. partner with Andrew Strahan, Esq. his Majesty's printer. He studied freemasonry as a science, and published "Illustrations" of it. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* April 1818, p. 372; and in the *European Magazine* for May 1811, where is his portrait, and a memoir of him by his friend and relative Mr. Stephen Jones.

April 24. John *Griffith*, proprietor of the *Cheltenham Chronicle*.

May 11. John *Gough*, bookseller, Dublin, a member of the Society of Friends, son of John Gough, author of a *Treatise on Arithmetic, &c.* The son compiled many books for children; also, "A Tour through Ireland in 1813 and 1814," 8vo.

1818, June 23. At Tachbury, Hants, aged 78, Wm. *Timson*, Esq. of Moor Park, Surrey, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1818, July 13. In his 81st year, Mr. Richard *Beatniffe*, an eminent bookseller of Norwich. See *Gent. Mag.* 1818, ii. 93, 286.

July 29. In Oxford-street, Mr. Richard *Ryan*. He was a bookseller in Dublin; but quitted that city for London, and was settled in Oxford-street for 35 years; a man of humour, exact in all his dealings, and much esteemed.

Oct. 28. At Harehills, near Leeds, aged 57, Griffith *Wright*, proprietor of the "*Leeds Intelligencer*," which he established in 1754.

Dec. 24. At Sherborne, aged 46, James *Cruttwell*, proprietor and editor of the *Dorchester and Sherborne Gazette*; and in its conduct displayed that love of his country, which in a narrower sphere he exemplified in every object around him.

1819, April 24. Near Newcastle, aged 47, Mr. J. *Mitchell*, proprietor of "*The Tyne Mercury*."

April. . . At Tiverton, Mr. Philip *Parkhouse*, printer and bookseller. He had been engaged for years in preparing a *Talmudic Dictionary*. He was a Methodist, and a man of singular industry.

June 9. Aged 45, Mr. Robert *Peck*, 20 years printer and proprietor of "*The Hull Packet*."

June 16. At Cheltenham, aged 63, Thomas *Hall*, many years proprietor of "*The Worcester Herald*."

June . . . Aged 41, Mr. F. Wm. *Blagdon*, an active and laborious writer for the press; and co-editor of "*The Morning Post*." See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* July 1819, p. 88.

July 12. At Stockton, in his 69th year, Mr. Robert *Christopher*, bookseller.

July 23. Aged 66, Mr. Stephen *Couchman*, printer, of Throgmorton-street, London.

1819, Aug. 11. At Worthing, in his 25th year, by bursting a blood-vessel, Mr. Joseph *Bensley*, printer, of Bolt Court, eldest son of Thomas Bensley, Esq. His father's printing-office in Bolt Court was destroyed by fire on the 26th of June preceding.

Aug. 13. Aged 64, William *Darton*, senior, bookseller, Fenchurch-street, a much respected member of the Society of Friends.

Sept. 19. In a fit of apoplexy, Mr. Samuel *Simmons*, comedian, a liveryman of the Stationers' Company.

Nov. 2. At Camden Town, in his 80th year, Mr. Henry *Setchell*, 45 years bookseller in King-street, Covent-garden.

Nov. 7. Mr. Bryan *M'Swyny*, printer of "*The Courier Newspaper*."

1819, Dec. 26. Aged 74, William *Clarke*, Esq. law bookseller, of Portugal-street. He was born at Denshanger, Northamptonshire, and was of an ancient family formerly resident at Wicken, in the same county. Being a younger son, he became a bookseller in 1767, and continued the business in conjunction with his sons, Mr. John Clarke and Mr. Walter T. Clarke, till his death. He was a man of great private worth, and of strict honour and pro-

bity. He was buried in the family vault at Hornsey, Jan. 1, 1820.

1820, Jan. 5. In Cecil-street, in his 72d year, William *Winchester*, Esq. an eminent stationer in the Strand, father of Mr. Alderman Winchester.

Jan. 26. At Royston, aged 76, Henry *Andrews*, stationer and bookseller. He was born at Frieston, near Grantham. After various services at Sleaford, Lincoln, he purchased a school at Basingthorpe, and then went as usher to a school at Stilton. He then settled at Cambridge, and afterwards removed to Royston. He was many years engaged as computer of the Nautical Ephemeris, and on retiring from that situation received the thanks of the Board of Longitude, accompanied by a handsome present, as a just tribute for his long and arduous services.

Feb. 6. At his house in the Strand, in his 75th year, Mr. Francis *Wingrave*. This house had been in the occupation of eminent and highly-respectable booksellers for considerably more than a century; first, by Jacob Tonson, who here, in 1709, we believe, originally published the *Spectator*. Tonson, removing to a new house opposite, afterwards the banking-house of Messrs. Hodson and Stirling (and in which he died March 31, 1767), was succeeded in the old one by Mr. John *Nourse*, many years bookseller to his late Majesty, both as Prince of Wales and King. On the death of John Nourse in 1780, all his bookselling concerns became the property of his brother Charles, an eminent surgeon at Oxford, who received the honour of knighthood August 15, 1786, on George the Third's visit to the University. At his decease in 1789, he bequeathed the bookselling business, with a handsome acknowledgment of his services, to Mr. Francis Wingrave, who had for several years conducted it with the most honourable assiduity, combined with the strictest integrity. There is a good portrait of Mr. Wingrave.

Feb. 7. At Oxford, aged 67, Joshua *Cooke*, an eminent bookseller. See a long account and character of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1820, i. p. 178.

March 5. Aged 66, John *Evans*, printer, in Long Lane, Smithfield.

March 11. At Holloway, aged 66, Mr. Robert *Thorne*, letter-founder, of London.

March 22. Aged 81, Joseph *Clarke*, bookseller, Market-place, Manchester, brother of Isaac Clarke, who died June 18, 1816. See p. 488.

April 3. Aged 60, Richard Edward *Mercier*, bookseller to the University of Dublin. He was of an ancient Huguenot family. The simplicity of his character, his piety, and many amiable qualities, endeared him to a large acquaintance.

1820, April 15. At Whitehaven, aged 66, John *Ware*, printer, proprietor, and editor of the "*Cumberland Packet*," from its commencement in Oct. 1774.

1820, April 28. William *Davies*, Esq. of the respectable firm

of Messrs. Cadell and Davies, booksellers, in the Strand. On the retirement of Mr. Alderman Cadell in 1793, he selected Mr. Davies as the partner of his son, Mr. Thomas Cadell, junr. and the business was most ably conducted by Mr. Davies for upwards of 30 years. Those who knew him best never witnessed in him anything but the most liberal conduct as a friend, and a straightforward man of business, in which he was assiduous and attentive, always giving most valuable advice, and acting with the utmost fairness and liberality in the position in which his good conduct had placed him. His connection with authors, artists, and persons of splendid acquirements, added to his superior abilities, might have given him that appearance of conscious superiority which to strangers might appear to be hauteur. Mr. Davies was many years one of the Stockkeepers of the Company of Stationers. The family of Mr. Davies was, at his death, not left so well provided for as might have been hoped, from his large concerns in business for so long a period. His widow, Mrs. Jesse Davies, died at Bushy, Herts, Oct. 14, 1854, aged 76.

1820. Sampson *Parry*, many years connected with the London press, as proprietor, editor, and publisher. He was once surgeon of the Middlesex Militia. See an account of him in Timperley's History of Printing, p. 877.

June 11. Aged 66, Edward *Humble* or Oumble, printer and bookseller, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and one of the proprietors of "The County of Durham Advertiser."

June 21. Aged 62, Mr. William *Thorne*, printer, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street. He was 15 years Treasurer of the Charity School of St. Dunstan in the West. He was buried at Enfield.

Sept. 22. John *Wheble*, Esq. printer and bookseller, Warwick-square, London, 16 years a Common Councilman for Farringdon Within; born in 1746 at Gatcombe, in the Isle of Wight. In 1758 he was apprenticed to his relative Mr. Wilkie, in St. Paul's Churchyard. He commenced business early on his own account; but, notwithstanding the steady and industrious exertions of ten or twelve years, his first attempt was unsuccessful. He was publisher of "The Middlesex Journal," at that time in repute, and which brought him into a political connexion with Wilkes, Horne (afterwards Horne Tooke), and others. This led him into trouble, at the same time imparting to him the honour of having his name handed down to posterity as, so to speak, being accessory in conferring a most important and lasting benefit on his country. About 1780, during the military arrangements in Hyde Park and Warley Common, Mr. Wheble, being out of business, held a situation in the commissariat. When peace returned, he quitted the service, and once more re-commenced bookseller. A few years after he commenced "The County Chronicle," which made so many profitable tours 100 miles round London. He next, in conjunction with Mr. John Harris, bookseller of St. Paul's Churchyard, and one or two others, projected "The Sporting Magazine," which met with great success.

These last efforts of Mr. Wheble placed him in a state of respectable independence. He was thoroughly inclined to do his duty. One trait in his character was his encouragement of meritorious youthful individuals, several of whom owe to him their first introduction to prosperity. He was fond of society, and a pleasing companion. He died at Bromley in his 75th year, leaving a widow and a long list of friends to lament his loss. (Abridged from a memoir of Mr. Wheble, by his friend Mr. J. Harris, in *Gent. Mag.* 1822, ii. 471.)

1820, Sept. . . Aged 59, Mr. Richard *Sedgwick*, printer and bookseller at Bradford, Yorkshire, a man of strict integrity, and brother to the Rev. Mr. Sedgwick, vicar of Mirfield.

Oct. 31. Aged 63, Mr. William *Rawson*, printer and proprietor of "The Hull Advertiser."

Nov. 1. In Cornhill, in his 62d year, Mr. James *Asperne*. In 1802 he succeeded the benevolent John Sewell in the business of a bookseller, in which he had long been a faithful assistant; and which he subsequently conducted with the same liberality, and the same firm attachment to the Crown, the Bible, and the Constitution, that distinguished his worthy (though eccentric) predecessor. See his address on succeeding to Mr. Sewell's business in *Lit. Anecd.* III. 738. He ranked high in the Society of Free and Accepted Masons; and, by his activity on every call of public or private charity, reflected credit on the principles of that respectable fraternity. Though naturally inclined to conviviality, he was diligent, attentive, and obliging in his profession as a bookseller, and was highly esteemed by many of the most eminent merchants. His heart was in his hand; and his word was equal to his bond. There is a good portrait of Mr. Asperne, dressed in his masonic costume, from a painting by Drummond.

Dec. 4. Mr. Philip *Rousseau* (See *Lit. Anec.* III. p. 288) was the father and grandfather of several worthy printers. I know not the time of his death. His eldest son, Mr. *Samuel Rousseau*, was a very superior linguist. He died in Ray-street, Clerkenwell, Dec. 4, 1820. He served his apprenticeship in the Printing Office of Mr. Nichols, by whom he was occasionally employed in collecting epitaphs and other remains of antiquity. He was a singular instance of patient perseverance in the acquirement of the ancient languages. Whilst working as an apprentice and journeyman he taught himself Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Syriac, Persian, and Arabic. To these acquirements he added a knowledge of the French, and some other modern tongues. He was, for a short time, master of Joy's charity-school in Blackfriars.

A few years after the expiration of his apprenticeship he commenced printing on his own account, in Leather-lane, Holborn, and afterwards removed to Wood-street, Clerkenwell, where he carried on business for some time, but with little advantage to himself and family, having, from unforeseen circumstances and losses in trade, been obliged to relinquish business.

During the time he was a printer he taught the Persian lan-

guage, and compiled and published several Oriental Works:—
 1. "Flowers of Persian Literature," 1801, 4to. 2. "Dictionary of Mohammedan Law, Bengal Revenue Terms, Shanscrit, Hindoo, and other Words used in the East Indies," 1802, 12mo. 3. "Persian and English Vocabulary," 1802, 8vo. 4. "Richardson's Specimen of Persian Poetry; or, Odes of Hafiz; with an English Translation and Paraphrase," 1804, 4to. 5. "Balfour's Forms of Herkeru, corrected from a variety of Manuscripts; translated into English; with an Index of Arabic words, explained, and arranged under their proper Roots," 1804, 8vo. 6. "The Book of Knowledge; or, A Grammar of the Persian Language," 1805, 4to. Also, a Persian Copy Book, containing a great variety of Copies, in imitation of the Nustaleek Hand.

After he relinquished the printing business he edited a variety of works for the booksellers; but as a creditable support for himself and his family was his aim, and not literary reputation, most of his works appeared under fictitious names:—"An Essay on Punctuation," 1815, 12mo. "Annals of Health and Long Life," 1818. "Principles of Punctuation; or, The Art of Pointing familiarized," 1818. "Principles of Elocution," 1819. And many others, as Dictionaries, Biography, Geography, &c. &c. They were, however, generally successful to the publishers, as their objects were useful; and nothing ever appeared in them contrary to good morals, or the established religion and government.

Three years before his death he was seized with a paralytic stroke, which continued to increase, and, joined to a cancerous affection in his face, rendered him incapable of holding a pen, or indeed of feeding himself. In this accumulated distress, with two daughters wholly dependent on him for support, a gleam of comfort was afforded him in the last moments of his existence by a liberal benefaction from that excellent institution "The Literary Fund;" which also enabled his daughters to consign his remains to a decent grave in the churchyard of St. James's, Clerkenwell.

1820, Dec. 31. In his 84th year, Henry *Clarke*, esq. stationer in Gracechurch-street, a gentleman of the highest integrity and most extensive benevolence. He was father of the Stationers' Company, of which he served Master in 1794. See a high character of him in *Gent. Mag.* for Jan. 1821, p. 85.

1820 or 1821. Mr. Thomas *Ryder*, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1820 or 1821. Mr. John J. *Smith*, paper-maker, Hamper mills, Herts, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1820 or 1821. Mr. Richard *Good*, Bishopsgate Without, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1821, Feb. 28. Aged 64, John *Rackham*, 43 years printer and bookseller at Bury, Suffolk.

March 10. Aged 65, William *Meyler*, Esq proprietor of "The Bath Herald," and one of the Magistrates and Senior Common Councillors of Bath. Mr. Meyler was a clever writer of small pieces of poetry, and in 1806 published "Poetical Amusements."

—In 1823, Aug. 6, died his son Mr. *Meyler*, proprietor of "The Bath Herald, aged 41.

1821, April 2. Aged 60, Mr. Samuel *Highley*, medical bookseller, Fleet-street; and formerly partner with Mr. John Murray. He was a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

April 6. Suddenly, at Stamford, aged about 60, Charles *Brightley*, printer and publisher at Bungay, Suffolk. He published "An Account of the Method of casting Stereotype, as practised by the author," 8vo. 1809.

April . . . Aged 65, William *Towers*, Esq. more than 40 years editor of "The Sherborne Mercury." He was brother to Dr. Joseph Towers, who died May 20, 1799; see p. 468.

June 13. Aged 75, John *Mackinlay*, bookbinder, Southampton-street, Strand. He was father of Mr. J. Mackinlay the bookseller, the partner of Mr. Payne, in the Strand, who died June 15, 1811. See vol. III. 310; and p. 476 of this volume.

Aug. 24. In his 77th year, Mr. Robert *Jones*, of Sunbury Common.

Oct. 11. At Clapham, aged 75, Mrs. *Elizabeth Newbery*, widow of Mr. Francis Newbery. See vol. VIII. 181.

1821 or 1822. Mr. Francis *Armistead*, of Clement's-lane, a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

1822, Jan. 21. Aged 68, Mr. Benjamin *Wright*, printer, of Little Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. He served his apprenticeship with Mr. Norbury, of Brentford; but passed the prime of his life as compositor in the printing office of his friend Mr. Nichols. His chief employment was on the "History of Leicestershire," which work was twenty-five years in the press. In 1802 he formed a connexion with Mr. Thomas Burton, and afterwards went into partnership with him, and was his successor. Having obtained a moderate competence, in 1819 he retired from business to Kilburn; but the death of his wife and his own declining health prevented the looked-for enjoyment of his retirement. For scrupulous integrity, amiable singleness of heart, and unremitting industry, Mr. Wright had few equals.

May 20. In his 66th year, William *Hayes*, bookbinder, Oxford; in his business he was zealous, active, and indefatigable, and much respected in private life.

1822, Oct. 16. In York-street, Westminster, in his 79th year, Sir Matthew *Bloxam*, Knt. formerly an eminent wholesale stationer in Lombard-street. In 1787 he was elected one of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex; and whilst in that office he had the credit of being the founder of the Sheriffs' Fund; which has since been eminently useful to many unfortunate debtors. In Gent. Mag. LVIII. p. 641, is a memorial of Sheriff Bloxam to the Judges, complaining of abuses by the clerks in his office for Middlesex, and by the officers entrusted with the execution of the king's writs; which, standing unaided by his colleague (James Fenn, Esq.) and the Under Sheriffs, he found himself incompetent to reform. In 1790 he was returned to Parliament

for the borough of Maidstone, which he continued to represent till 1806. In 1800 he received the honour of knighthood, on presenting an address on his Majesty's escape from being shot by Hatfield. In 1803, Sir Matthew was elected Alderman of the Ward of Bridge Within. After having long relinquished his original profession, and having been successively (but not successfully) a Banker and Bill-broker, he was in 1818 appointed Store-keeper to the Public Stationery Office; and in 1821 (after having for many years been passed over in the annual choice of Chief Magistrate) he resigned the civic gown. In an examination before a Select Committee of the House of Commons, Sir Matthew stated, that, when in business, he had had great losses, having been pillaged and robbed to the amount of 300,000*l.* and that when a bill-broker he had discounted two millions a year.

1822, Oct. 18. At Islington, aged 77, Francis *Rivington*, esq. bookseller, St. Paul's Church-yard. His probity, his piety, and hilarity of disposition endeared him to all who knew him. He was a Governor of the Royal Hospital, a Director of the Union Fire Office and of the Amicable Life Office, and a zealous supporter of many charitable institutions. In 1805 he served the office of Master of the Company of Stationers. He was buried in the cemetery of St. Faith's, adjoining the Cathedral.

Nov... Aged 82, Mr. Henry *Fenwick*, city printer; appointed 1772. He was a liveryman of the Stationers' Company above 60 years. See Lit. Anec. VIII. 459; and this volume, p. 459.

1822, Nov. 15. Mr. John *Debrett*, formerly an eminent bookseller in Piccadilly, and successor to Mr. John Almon; his shop was the rendezvous of the Whig party, as his neighbour John Stockdale's shop was of the Tories. He edited and published various editions of the Peerage and Baronetage of England; and at an early period the following works issued from his shop: "New Foundling Hospital for Wit," 1784, 6 vols. 12mo. "Asylum for Fugitive Pieces, in prose and verse," 4 vols. 12mo. "Parliamentary Papers," 3 vols. 8vo. He was good-natured and friendly, but was unfortunate in business, and latterly lived on an allowance made by his own wife, and by literary occupation.

1822 or 1823. Mr. Thomas *Edwards*, law-stationer, Temple, one of the Court of Assistants of the Stationers' Company.

1823, Feb. 28. In his 78th year, Thomas *Vallance*, Esq. a wholesale stationer in Cheapside; Master of the Company of Stationers in 1807. He had been 43 years a representative in Common Council for Cripplegate Without, and for a considerable time Deputy of that ward.

1823, July 15. Aged 76, Mr. William *Bent*, bookseller, Paternoster-row. Mr. Bent was a quiet worthy man, and was useful to the public at large, and to his professional brethren in particular, by the compilation of some classed Catalogues of all the new Books, with their sizes, prices, and publishers, published in London. He also published a Monthly List of New Works, issuing from the press, which was continued after his death by his

son Mr. *Robert Bent*. Mr. Bent for many years kept a Meteorological Diary of the Weather, as observed in the metropolis; which he published, beginning with the year 1784, and finishing in 1818; together with observations on the Diseases in the City and its vicinity.

1823, Sept. 19. At Ditcham Grove, Hunts, aged 89, Charles *Coles*, Esq. formerly a stationer in Fleet-street. He was the senior member but one of the Stationers' Company, having been elected a liveryman in 1759.

1823, Oct. 27. In Bedford-street, aged 63, Mr. Wm. *Lowndes*, bookseller, formerly of Fleet-street, and eldest son of Thomas Lowndes. (See Lit. Anec. III. 646.) See an account of him in Gent. Mag. 1823, ii. 473. He was father of Mr. W. T. Lowndes, the eminent bibliographer, who died July 31, 1843.

1824, Feb. 2. In Air-street, Piccadilly, in his 75th year, Mr. John *Simco*, bookseller, a worthy, honest man, long known and respected for his love of Antiquities, and his curious Catalogues of Topography and Biography (from 1788 to 1823.) He was patronised by F. Barnard, Esq. his Majesty's Librarian, Sir R. C. Hoare, Bart., the late Mr. John Townley, Mr. Nassau, and many other eminent collectors; for all of whom honest Simco collected many a curious article. Mr. Simco carried his love of collecting antiquities beyond the grave; by bequeathing to Dr. Williams's Library in Redcross-street an *Inlaid Copy* of Wilson's History of the Dissenting Churches, in eight volumes folio, illustrated with an immense number of portraits of Ministers and other persons connected therewith; and to the Society of Antiquaries a Portfolio of Views of Churches and Palaces in Holland, Germany, &c. He offered to the British Museum his illustrated copies of Bridges's Northamptonshire, 4 vols. and three Portfolios of Drawings in Northamptonshire; his Lysons's Environs of London, 11 vols. and 4 vols of drawings; his History of St. Alban's; and History of Derbyshire, 3 vols. folio, illustrated with prints and drawings, on condition of paying his executors half the cost; but his offer was not accepted. His books were sold by Mr. Evans, and his prints and books of prints by Mr. Sotheby.

March 8. At Burnley, aged 86, Matthew *Faulkner*, formerly proprietor of "The Manchester Herald," and bookseller there. See account of him in Timperley's History of Printing, pp. 775, 888.

1824, May 12. At Islington Green, aged 67, Robert *Davidson*, Esq. He had been 45 years a liveryman of the Stationers' Company; was elected Master in 1823, and died during his year of office.

1824, Sept. 8. In the Bridge-yard, Southwark, aged 87, Mr. John William *Galabin*, formerly a printer in Ingram-court, Fenchurch-street, at first in partnership with Mr. William Baker, a very learned printer, who died in 1785. (See Lit. Anec. III. 715.) He was unfortunate in business, and was for some years overseer in the printing-office of Mr. Nichols. In 1800 he was elected one of the Bridgemasters of the City of London. He was

editor for many years of "The Court Calendar" and of "Pater-son's Book of Roads." He survived his eight sons, who died of consumption; and his wife died only a few weeks before him, on the 28th of July, aged 80. See a fuller account of him by Mr. Nichols in *Gent. Mag.* 1824, ii. 283.

1824, Oct. 20. In Charterhouse-square, aged 63, Mr. Thomas *Wilkie*, bookseller, lately of Paternoster-row, formerly of Salisbury and Mayor of that city, and younger brother of Mr. George Wilkie, who died Jan. 26, 1826.

1824, Oct. 26. At Edinburgh, aged 75, Mr. Nathan *Mills*, printer, a native of Boston in the United States, who accompanied the British Troops as editor and printer of "The Massachusetts Gazette."

1825, May 2. Aged 75, William *Hall*, proprietor of "The Oxford Journal." And two days after, aged 62, Joseph *Mayow*, bookkeeper of that paper.

1825, Oct. 26. Aged 66, John *McArthur*, printer, for 38 years the principal conductor of the King's Printing Office, under the patentees Messrs. Eyre and Strahan. He possessed great urbanity of manners, the most friendly disposition, and a warm benevolence of heart, which made him the friend of the distressed wherever he found them.

1826, Jan. 29. In his 67th year, Mr. George *Wilkie*, book-seller, Paternoster-row, and partner with Mr. John Robinson. (See *Lit. Anecd.* III. 449.) He was Master of the Stationers' Company in 1823-4.

1826, Feb. 12. At Peckham, aged nearly 82, Mr. Deodatus *Bye*, printer, of St. John-square. (See *Lit. Anec.* vol. III. p. 422.) Though possessing no inconsiderable talents, he was one of the most unassuming of human beings, but at the same time one of the most kind-hearted. Content with a very moderate income, he had long retired from the fatigues of business to the tranquil retreat where he calmly breathed his last. Though more than eight of his latter years were embittered by repeated attacks of paralysis, which deprived him of the use of his right side, and confined him wholly to his bedchamber, he bore his sufferings with that manly fortitude and that patient resignation to the Divine Will, which his constant study of the Holy Scriptures had enabled him to sustain. His principal employment was the printing of the Religious Tracts of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge. He was editor of the last edition of "Cruden's Concordance," in which he carefully examined every Text by the original in the Bible. He also printed the "Diversions of Purley" for Mr. Horne Tooke, with whom he was deservedly a great favourite, and who permitted him to substitute blanks for many names which the timid printer thought it prudent to suppress. Mr. Bye compiled the copious Index to the octavo edition of Swift's Works, published in 1803. That he was also sometimes a versifier may be seen by a few lines signed "D. B." in *Gent Mag.* LXXXVIII. i. 445. See before, in this volume, p. 484.

1826, Feb. 16. Aged 68, Mr. George *Thompson*, many years a printer of ballads and pictures in Long-lane; said to be worth 70,000*l.* He was a liveryman of the Company of Stationers.

June 23. Aged 76, Mr. *Birdsall*, bookseller, Northampton. He was twice mayor, and for five years one of the magistrates, of that town.

Oct. 26. Mr. Alderman Christopher *Magnay*. He was in 1813 Sheriff of London; Lord Mayor in 1821; and Master of the Company of Stationers in 1816. See a memoir of Mr. Alderman Magnay, by Mr. Chalmers, in *Gent. Mag.* Nov. 1826, p. 473.

Dec. 29. Aged 90, Ephraim *Jacobs*, printer, Halifax. He had carried on business in that town for 72 years.

Dec. 6. Mr. Henry Woolsey *Byfield*, stationer, Charing-cross. He was Master of the Company of Stationers in 1808.

1827. Early in this year died Mr. Byfield's partner, Mr. Samuel *Hawksworth*. He was Master of the Company of Stationers in 1809.

1827, Jan. 24. At Uckfield, aged 75, Jonas *Davis*, Esq. printer. He was formerly a printer of eminence in Chancery-lane, and one of the largest benefactors to the Company of Stationers. By his will he left 3000*l.* Consols, after the death of his wife (who died 1850) producing 2696*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.* which was transferred to the Corporation July 6, 1850; and on the same day the Rev. J. Barlow, and Cecilia A. Barlow his wife, the executors of Mrs. Davis, transferred to the corporation [the further sum of 1000*l.* stock. It was agreed to unite these two sums, and to appoint six annuitants of 18*l.* each to partake of the interest thereof.

1827, Feb. 27. At Staple Grove Lodge, near Taunton, aged 63, Mr. Charles *Law*, bookseller, of Ave Maria-lane. *Lit. Anec.* III. 422.

About the same time died his elder brother Mr. Henry *Law*, who was a partner with Mr. Deodatus Bye, as a printer, in St. John's-square; and, after Mr. Bye's retirement from business, in partnership with Mr. Richard Gilbert. (See p. 484 of this volume.) Mr. Henry Law became a liveryman of the Company of Stationers in 1788; and had removed to Lindsey-row, Chelsea.

1827, Sept. 13. In Ludgate-street, aged 63, Joseph *Mawman*, Esq. He was formerly a bookseller at York, and about 1797 succeeded to the business of the well-known Mr. Charles Dilly, in the Poultry, but afterwards removed to Ludgate-street. Mr. Mawman was a very intelligent man and spirited publisher, and was honoured with the friendship of Dr. Parr, Dr. Lingard, and numerous other learned individuals. He was himself an author, having published "An Excursion to the Highlands of Scotland and the English Lakes, with recollections, descriptions, and references to historical facts," 8vo.

Dec. 24. Joseph *Collyer*, Esq. Associate Engraver R. A. Constitution-row, Gray's-inn-road. He was Master of the Company of Stationers in 1815. See a memoir of him by Mr. A. Chalmers in *Gent. Mag.* 1828, i. 184.

1827, Dec. 20. Mr. Stephen *Jones*, originally a printer; editor of the "General Evening Post," and author of a "Biographical Dictionary," and other useful works. See memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* Jan. 1828, p. 90.

1828, Jan. 16. At Cambridge, aged 80, Mr. *Deighton*, a respectable bookseller in that University.

Apr. . . At Turnham Green, Middlesex, aged 85, Mr. John *Cuthell*, for many years a respectable bookseller in Middle-row, Holborn. Mr. Cuthell was from Scotland, and came to London about 1771 to seek his fortune; was an assistant and successor to a Mr. Drew, in Middle-row, and succeeded to the business. By a second marriage with Miss Tingle he acquired some property. His stock of old books was not inferior to any in London. He was a great exporter of books to America. His priced Catalogues of Old Books were long known to collectors. (See *Lit. Anec.* vol. III. 626, 636.) His extensive collection of books was sold by Mr. Sotheby. (See a curious account of Mr. Cuthell in the *Wonderful Magazine*, vol. VI. p. 2888.) His partner Mr. Martin is still living (1857), and is an inmate of Morden College, Blackheath.

May 6. Aged 95, William *Clarke*, Esq. stationer, Gracechurch-street, the senior member of the Stationers' Company, elected 1758, and of which he was Master in 1794. His brother Henry died Dec. 31, 1820 (see p. 495 of this volume).

May . . . Mr. Lewis *Peacock*, law-stationer, of Chancery-lane. He was one of the Assistants of the Company of Stationers.

June 28. In Pall Mall, aged 88, George *Nicol*, Esq. for many years bookseller to King George III. and one who may be justly designated (as Dr. Campbell said of Thomas Davies), "not a bookseller, but a gentleman dealing in books." He was first placed under the care of his uncle David Wilson, of the Strand; and was by him taken into partnership in 1774. Mr. Wilson dying at an advanced age in 1777, Mr. Nicol removed his business to Pall Mall. Mr. Nicol was in 1797 one of the executors of Mr. James Dodsley, bookseller, Pall Mall, who left him a legacy of 1000*l.* Mr. Nicol was a most agreeable companion, and perhaps no man ever enjoyed the pleasures of convivial society more than he did. He was a member of many of the literary clubs of his day; was the publisher of many valuable books; and enjoyed the friendly confidence of the Duke of Roxburghe and other eminent biblioplists. He is noticed by Dr. Dibdin in his *Bibliographical Decameron*, vol. iii. p. 51, where there is a good portrait of him by Ross, engraved by Holl. See more of Mr. G. Nicol in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for September, 1828, p. 279; and hereafter, p. 503, and under Jan. 21, 1857.

Aug. 4. At Turnham Green, Mr. Edward *Kerby*, for many years a bookseller in Stafford-street, Bond-street.

Aug. 29. At Highgate, at an advanced age, Stephen Austen

Cumberlege, esq. one of the senior members of the Court of Assistants of the Stationers' Company.

1828, Oct. 29. Aged 76, Luke *Hansard*, Esq. a very eminent printer. He was born at Norwich July 5, 1752, and on coming to London obtained a situation with Mr. Hughs, printer to the House of Commons. In 1799 Mr. Hansard was admitted a partner, and in 1800 he succeeded to the entire business. As a man of industry few could be compared to him. He knew little of relaxation or pleasure. He was a very early riser, and sketched in his mind the business of the day before others were up to execute it. Mr. Hansard was a liberal benefactor to the poor of the Company of Stationers, and was in all points an example worthy of imitation. A very honourable memoir of him was written by John Rickman, Esq. one of the chief clerks of the House of Commons, who well knew Mr. Hansard's value as printer to the House; it appeared in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for December 1828, p. 559-566, and was afterwards printed in quarto for private circulation. In May, 1834, his widow died at South Lambeth.

Oct. 30. Aged 70, James *Lynch*, bookseller and stationer, Duke-street, Liverpool.

1829, Jan. 12. At Greenwich, aged 86, George *Riley*, many years a printer and bookseller at York.

Feb. 17. At Dalston, aged 74, Mr. Benjamin *Flower*, proprietor and editor of "The Cambridge Intelligencer," established by him in 1793. He was a firm friend of civil and religious liberty. In 1797 he was imprisoned, when he was visited by an amiable lady, who afterwards became his wife.

April . . . Aged 71, William *Reid*, printer, and one of the proprietors of "The Glasgow Courier," and for a long time its editor.

April 13. Aged 75, Joseph *Gardiner*, Esq. a member of the eminent firm of Bowles and Gardiner, wholesale stationers, Newgate-street. He served the office of Master of the Company of Stationers in 1818. He was succeeded in business by his two sons, Thomas Gardiner, Esq. and Joseph Gardiner, junior, Esq. The latter gentleman was one of the Court of Assistants of the Company of Stationers; fined for the offices of Warden and Master, and died August 2, 1853, aged 72.

1829. Edward *Brooke*, Esq. law-bookseller, Bell-yard, and of Wargrave, Berks, aged 75; one of the Court of Assistants of the Company of Stationers. See Index to Lit. Anec. VII. p. 522.

1829. Mr. William *Marston*, Earl-street, Red Lion-square, one of the Court of Assistants of the Company of Stationers.

1829. Thomas *Smith*, Esq. Master of the Company of Stationers in 1812.

1830. William *Walker*, Esq. of Stoke Newington. He served the office of Master of the Company of Stationers in 1820.

1830, March 2. Aged 70, John *Seeley*, Esq. printer and bookseller at Buckingham, and brother of Mr. Seeley of Fleet-street.

1830, March . . In Fleet-street, aged 80, Mr. *Pheney*, 52 years a law bookseller in Inner Temple Lane.

July 15. Aged 78, Mr. Joseph *Downes*, of Temple Bar, printer of "The Hue and Cry." He was the author of "Observations on the Speech of the Right Hon. J. Foster in Ireland, April 11, 1799."

Sept. 9. At Clapham, in his 76th year, William *Bulmer*, Esq. the eminent printer. He was born at Newcastle. When he first came to London he assisted Mr. John Bell in his memorable edition of Shakspeare. About 1787, an accidental circumstance introduced Mr. Bulmer to Mr. George Nicol, bookseller to King George the Third, who was then considering the best method of carrying into effect the projected magnificent national edition of Shakspeare, which he had suggested to Messrs. Boydell, ornamented with designs by the first artists of this country. Mr. Nicol had previously engaged the skilful talents of Mr. Wm. *Martin*, of Birmingham, in cutting sets of types, after approved models, in imitation of the sharp and fine letter used by the French and Italian printers; which Mr. Nicol for a length of time caused to be carried on in his own house. (See p. 485 of this volume.) Premises were engaged in Cleveland-row, St. James's, and the "Shakspeare Press" was established under the firm of "W. Bulmer and Co." This establishment soon evinced how judicious a choice Mr. Nicol had made in Mr. Bulmer to raise the reputation of his favourite project. See a full account of Mr. Bulmer's labours as one of the ablest printers of his day, in *Gent. Mag.* 1830, ii. 305-310, accompanied by his portrait.

Dec. 2. At Hammersmith, aged 74, John *Crowder*, Esq. Alderman of the ward of Farringdon Within, and Lord Mayor of London 1829, and Master of the Company of Stationers in the same year. Mr. Crowder was many years connected with the periodical press, and was proprietor of "The Public Ledger." A long and just character of his old friend was given by Mr. Alexander Chalmers in *Gent. Mag.* for Dec. 1830, p. 568. His brother, *James Peshlier Crowder*, died at Stockwell Common two days before the Alderman.

Dec. . . Aged 69, Mr. Charles *Heath*, printer, Monmouth, of which town he was twice mayor. He was author of a Descriptive View of Piercefield and Chepstow, 1793; a History of Monmouth, 1804; and Accounts of Tintern Abbey and Ragland Castle, 1806.

1831, Feb. 9. In her 93d year, Mrs. Mary *Vint*, widow of Mr. Vint, and also of Charles Green *Say*, printer of "The Gazetteer," "General Evening Post," &c. Mr. Say died Nov. 1775. See *Lit. Anec.* III. 737.

Feb. 12. Alexander *Laurie*, printer of "The Gazette" for Scotland.

Feb. 15. At Gloucester, aged 71, David *Walker*, Esq. upwards of 30 years proprietor of "The Gloucester Journal."

Feb. 18. At Southernhay, Exeter, aged 72, Shirley *Wool-*

mer, Esq. formerly a frequent and esteemed correspondent of the Gentleman's Magazine. He published Catalogues in 1788, 1789, and 1790. See Lit. An. III. 689.

1831, Feb. 26. At Fulham, aged 86, John *Bell*, Esq. formerly of the Strand, bookseller. Few men have contributed more, by their industry and good taste, to the improvement of the graphic and typographic arts; witness his beautiful editions of the "British Poets," and "Shakspeare." He was one of the original proprietors of "The Morning Post," and projector of that well-established newspaper, "Bell's Weekly Messenger." Another of his successful projects was the elegant monthly publication "La Belle Assemblée." Mr. Bell, in publishing his "British Theatre," first set the fashion of discarding the long s, about 1795. He was one of the most remarkable men of his day, and possessed a masculine understanding, which a long course of observation, and a particular quickness of fancy in observing, had very highly cultivated, so as to give him a judgment as just and exact as his powers of conception were vigorous and acute. He had an instinctive perception of what was beautiful in every possible combination of the arts.

1831, March 15. In his 79th year, Thomas *Payne*, Esq. bookseller, in Pall Mall. He was the eldest son of Honest Tom Payne, and was born Oct. 10, 1752. He succeeded his father in business in 1790 at the Mews Gate, which was the constant resort of men of rank and literature. In 1806 he removed to Pall Mall. By frequent tours on the Continent he improved in a high degree his critical knowledge of books. In 1793 he brought over the library of the celebrated Lamoignon. From his rich stores almost every public and private library have benefited. We need only appeal to the Roxburghe, Borromeo, Larcher, and Macarthy collections, and to Mr. Payne's copious and scientific catalogues. Mr. Payne was remarkable for kindness of temper and a gentlemanly suavity of manners. His happy temper endeared him to all who knew him. He was Master of the Company of Stationers in 1817. See an excellent memoir of Mr. Payne by his warm friend Mr. Alexander Chalmers in Gent. Mag. 1831, i. p. 276. Mr. Payne was succeeded in business by his nephew Mr. *John Payne* and Mr. *Henry Foss*, who retired from the trade in 1850. See some interesting anecdotes of Thomas Payne, both father and son, in Beloe's "Sexagenarian," and in Dr. Dibdin's "Bibliographical Decameron," vol. iii. in which latter work is given an excellent portrait of the elder "honest Tom Payne."

March 25. In his 82d year, John *Barker*, Esq. of Kentish Town, formerly a printer in the Old Bailey, and Master of the Stationers' Company in 1813.

March 28. At Highgate, in her 92d year, the relict of H. *Isherwood*, Esq. who died Jan. 25, 1812. See vol. III. p. 727. Their son *Robert Isherwood*, Esq. a proctor, died July 14, 1837.

May 22. In Great Queen Street, aged 76, Mr. James *Nunn*, bookseller, an honest, plain-dealing tradesman, and possessed of

one of the largest stocks of old books in the metropolis. See Lit. An. Index, VII. p. 40.

1831, May 26. In his 77th year, Charles *Rivington*, Esq. He was the senior member of the firm of Messrs. Rivingtons of St. Paul's Churchyard and Waterloo-place. The family of Mr. Charles Rivington have been always much connected with the Company of Stationers. At one time his father, two uncles, and three brothers were, with himself, liverymen of the Company. His father served the office of Master of the Company in 1775, his brother Francis in 1805, and he himself in 1819. See Lit. An. Index, vol. VII. pp. 353, 664; and this volume, pp. 184, 497. The character of Mr. C. Rivington, through a long and very active life, left the warmest sentiments of regret among his numerous friends and connections. In social life Mr. Rivington was equally distinguished for mildness and composure of temper, and his conversation was enlivened by the memory of literary history and anecdote, improved by his long continuance in business, and friendly intercourse with men of learning, and in particular with many of the highest ornaments of our church. See a long memoir of Mr. Rivington, by Mr. A. Chalmers, in *Gent. Mag.* for 1831, i. p. 569.

July 17. At Leicester, much respected, aged 70, Mr. John *Price*, for many years editor and proprietor of "The Leicester Journal," a Tory paper.

Aug. 25. Aged 82, Andrew *Strahan*, Esq. printer to his Majesty, the third son of W. Strahan, Esq. his Majesty's printer, who died July 9, 1785. See Lit. Anecd. vol. III. pp. 390—397. He inherited his father's professional eminence, his political attachments, his consistency of public conduct, and his private virtues, and by these secured a reputation which will not be soon forgotten. Like his father, too, he acquired great literary property and influence in the learned world, by purchasing the copyrights of the most celebrated authors of his time; frequently in connection with his friend, the late Mr. Alderman Cadell. In this his liberality kept equal pace with his prudence, and in some cases went perhaps rather beyond it. Never had such rewards been given, as both by father and son, to the labours of literary men. Among the most distinguished authors who profited by their liberality, we may mention Dr. Johnson, whose frequent expression was, that "they had raised the price of literature," Hume, Warburton, Hurd, Blackstone, Burn, Robertson, Henry, Gibbon, &c. His character as a man may be best appreciated from the respect and affection with which he was treated by his numerous friends, and the veneration with which he was received by his younger contemporaries. If among either a point of difference arose, his judgment was applied for; if a difficulty occurred, his advice was asked; if assistance was needed, his purse was known to be open, and none who sought aid in either form had ever reason to regret adopting the suggestions, pursuing the counsel, or asking the support of this excellent man. Unostentatious in his mode of

living, and attached to the last to the residence in which he was born and died, he was enabled to devote a considerable part of his income to the assistance of friends who required a temporary help, and to the relief of the necessitous, bestowed on a condition that the dispenser of it should be concealed. From the age to which he had arrived, and the company to which he had been accustomed, joined to the happiest powers of memory and recollection, his conversation was replete with literary anecdote, which he related in a manner that had all the charms of good humour, and all the security of the strictest veracity. Benevolence was a striking feature in his character. In 1822 he presented 1,000*l.* to the Literary Fund; and a second 1,000*l.* by bequest in 1831. He bequeathed by his will 1,000*l.* each to six other charitable institutions, but these form only a part of the large sums periodically bestowed, although, as already noticed, with a secrecy which is not often observed in such transactions, and which was not violated by him even when, in some few cases, he had not met with the most grateful return. Much was given to those who had been the companions of his early life, and to many he contributed that assistance which afterwards rendered them independent. In his life-time he gave 2,225*l.* Four per Cent. Annuities to the Stationers, for the benefit of poor Printers. He was M.P. for Newport, Hants, 1797; for Wareham in 1802 and 1806; for Carlow in 1807; and for Aldeburgh in 1812; and retired from the House in 1818. He had purchased an estate at Ashted, Surrey, where he partly resided, and where he was buried Sept. 2, 1831. See a long memoir of Mr. Strahan, by his friend Mr. Alexander Chalmers, in *Gent. Mag.* for Sept. 1831. Of his brother, the Rev. Dr. George Strahan, who died March 10, 1824, see *Index to Literary Anecdotes*, VII. p. 103.

1831, Aug. . . In New North Street, Queen-square, aged 82, Mr. S. *Hayes*, bookseller.

1832, Feb. 24. Aged 60 years, Mr. James *Robinson*. This worthy man was apprenticed as a compositor to Mr. John Nichols, in whose office, and that of his son and successor, he worked, much respected and beloved by his employers and his fellow-workmen, for the long period of 49 years. He was nominated by Mr. Nichols for one of the Annuities for Compositors, founded by himself, in the gift of the Company of Stationers.

March 1. At Blandford, Dorsetshire, aged 76, Mr. John *Shipp*, sen. bookseller and stationer, an old and respected inhabitant of that town.

Sept. 9. In Pall Mall, in his 70th year, Mr. Edward *Jeffery*, bookseller in London for 50 years. He was active and intelligent, and published several good catalogues. See *Lit. Anec.* III. 645. About 1810 he was in good business in Pall Mall as a book auctioneer; and, among other libraries, dispersed that of Dr. Benjamin Heath. He also republished several works, making additions thereto; among others, Pennant's *London*, the *Anti-*

quarian Repertory, &c. Latterly he fell into intemperate habits. He was succeeded in business by his son.

1832, Sept. 10. At Chelmsford, in his 70th year, Mr. William *Meggy*, printer and bookseller, and joint proprietor of "The Chelmsford Chronicle" for 40 years.

1833, Feb. 4. At Shrewsbury, aged 78, Mr. William *Eddowes*, proprietor of "The Salopian Journal," a man much esteemed for his public conduct and private virtues.

Feb. 8. At St. Alban's, aged 90, Sir William *Domville*, Bart. ; born at St. Alban's Dec. 26, 1742. He was originally a bookseller under the Royal Exchange; but retired from business in 1783. In 1798 he was put in nomination for Sheriff of London, which in 1804 he accepted; and in 1805 was elected Alderman of Queenhithe Ward. In 1813 he was elected Lord Mayor, and received the Prince Regent and his illustrious visitors the Emperor of Russia, the King of Prussia, &c. at Guildhall, June 18, 1814; on which occasion he was created a Baronet. (See Lit. Anec. VII. 553, for the royal notification of that gratifying event.) His portrait, in the robes he wore on that occasion, was painted by W. Owen, Esq. R.A. at the request of the Stationers' Company, and now ornaments their Hall. An excellent private engraving of it was executed by Mr. Philip Audinet. (See Lit. Anec. VII. 553.) Sir W. Domville was one of the Stock-keepers of the Company of Stationers, afterwards for many years a member of the Court of Assistants, and served the office of Master in 1803. At the time of his death he was senior member. In 1821, being then fourscore, he resigned his alderman's gown. See a long memoir of this venerable and truly estimable man in Gent. Mag. for March 1833, p. 271. He was buried in the abbey-church of his native town.

July 30. At Trafford Park, in Lancashire, aged 78, Roger *Pettward*, Esq. F.R.S., F.S.A. He was master of the Company of Stationers in 1831. See an account of his family in Gent. Mag. 1833, ii. 370, 540.

Aug. 26. Aged 82, Mr. Paul *Colnaghi*, the well-known and respectable print-seller of Pall Mall East. His widow died in Piccadilly, Jan. 24, 1836, aged 77.

Sept. . . Mr. William *Caslon*, formerly an eminent letter-founder. He was the third of that name. See Lit. Anec. vol. II. p. 358; and Additions, in this volume, p. 447. A character and portrait of him will be found in Hansard's History of Printing, p. 354. After leaving his mother in Chiswell-street, he established a foundry, in a large building in Finsbury Square, afterwards well known as "The Temple of the Muses" of Lackington, Allen, and Co. the eminent booksellers. On the death of Mr. Joseph Jackson, type-founder, in 1792, Mr. Caslon bought the concern, and moved his establishment to Dorset-street, Salisbury Square. In 1807 he relinquished his business to his only son; and he died at an advanced age. His son (the fourth William Caslon) disposed

of his foundry to Messrs. Blake and Co. of Sheffield, in 1819 ; and is still living. See p. 447 of this volume.

1833, Oct. 4. Mr. James *Cawthorn*, of the British Library, Cockspur Street.

Nov. 4. Aged 63, Mr. John *Meeson*, a very worthy man, brought up in the printing-office of Mr. Nichols. He died beadle of the Leathersellers' Company. His greatest delight was to be employed in the service of his friends, and his exertions to serve them were unbounded. See further in *Gent. Mag.* 1833, ii. 474.

Nov. 12. At Isleworth, aged 58, Mr. Joseph *Strutt*. He was the eldest son of Mr. Joseph Strutt, the antiquary, author, and artist. He was educated at Christ's Hospital, and was apprenticed to Mr. Nichols. In his printing-office he continued till he was recommended by Mr. Caley to the Duke of Northumberland, as keeper of his records. Mr. Strutt compiled a very copious and well-digested Index to vol. I. of Nichols's "*Leicestershire*." He had a strong sense of piety, and devoted himself to the study of the Holy Scriptures. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1833, ii. 471.

Dec. 7. Aged 62, Mr. G. *Stretton*, bookseller, and for nearly 40 years publisher of "*The Nottingham Journal*."

1834, Feb. 12. At Stockwell, aged 73, Josiah *Taylor*, Esq. for many years a bookseller in Holborn, particularly in books on architecture. He left no children ; but he bequeathed a considerable property amongst his relatives.

March 30. At Finchley, aged 70, Rodolph *Ackermann*, Esq. book and print seller. He was born at Stollberg, in Saxony, in 1764, and bred up a coach-builder. On coming to England he pursued the trade of carriage-draughtsman, which led to his settlement as a printseller and manufacturer of fancy articles. He was one of the first who made use of gas, manufactured on his own premises. He also was the first who introduced lithography, by the translation he published of Senefelder's work. He published several expensive topographical works, as "*Westminster Abbey*," "*Oxford*," "*Cambridge*," and "*Public Schools*." After the battle of Leipzig, Mr. Ackermann so effectually advocated the cause of the starving population of Germany by his efforts, seconded by public sympathy, and a Parliamentary grant of 100,000*l.* as to raise an amount more than double that sum for their relief. See an account of him by Mr. Shoberl, in *Gent. Mag.* 1834, i. 560.

Aug. 25. At Broadstairs, aged 86, Mr. Stephen *Neukell*, for 40 years Librarian of the Royal Kent Library there.

Sept. 4. In Singleton-street, City Road, aged 80, George *Clymer*, late of Philadelphia, inventor of the Columbian Press.

Dec. 18. In Great Ormond-street, aged 77, Mr. Robert *Bickerstaff*, successor to Mr. W. Browne, bookseller, corner of Essex-street, Strand, which business he carried on for 20 years with credit and integrity. He retired from the concern in 1818. He left near 5000*l.* to six following institutions : Literary Fund,

National Society for educating the Poor, the Asylum at Lambeth, the Philanthropic Society, the Refuge for the Destitute, and the Society for Relief of Debtors. He was buried at Eastwick, Herts. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* for March, 1836, p. 327.

1835, May. . . Aged 84, Mr. William *Preston*, of the firm of Preston and Heaton, printers, of Newcastle on Tyne. Mr. Preston for some years conducted "The Newcastle Chronicle."

July 16. At Bath, aged 77, Richard *Ogborn*, Esq. He was formerly a stationer in Bishopsgate-street, and an active manager of the Royal Humane Society. See a list of Mr. Ogborn's charities in *Gent. Mag.* Dec. 1835, p. 670.

Aug. 19. At the Grove, Worcester, aged 84, John *Tymbs*, Esq. formerly a printer and bookseller, and proprietor of "The Worcester Journal."

Aug. 25. Aged 72, Mr. *Chater*, of the firm of Grosvenor and Chater, stationers, Cornhill.

Aug. 25. Died at Pentonville, aged 86, Mr. Evan *Williams*, upwards of 40 years a bookseller in the Strand, and an active member of the Welsh Charity School, Gray's Inn Lane.

Sept. 11. At Clapham Rise, Thomas *Bensley*, Esq. the eminent printer. See *Lit. Anecd.* vol. VIII. p. 417. He was the son of Mr. Thomas Bensley, who died 1789; see p. 466 of this vol. From the Strand he removed to Bolt Court, about 1780. Mr. Bensley's skill in fine printing was equal to that of his contemporary Mr. Bulmer. The "Shakspeare" of the latter and the "Bible" of the former well support this spirit of rivalry. The principal works of Mr. Bensley are enumerated by Dr. Dibdin in his "Bibliographical Decameron," vol. II. pp. 397—401, and he accompanies his account with a good portrait of Mr. Bensley. On the 5th Nov. 1807 a fire destroyed an immense number of valuable works, enumerated in *Gent. Mag.* 1836, ii. 101. About 1814 he, in conjunction with Mr. Richard Taylor, engaged with Mr. Koenig in the introduction of his printing machine (see *Gent. Mag.* Dec. 1814, p. 541). Mr. Bensley first adapted the machine to the printing of books, on which he incurred heavy expenses; but had scarcely brought his schemes to bear, when his printing-office was again burnt June 26, 1819. Mr. Applegath, and other makers of simpler machines, superseded Mr. Bensley's cumbrous one. Mr. Bensley parted with his large concern and retired from steam-printing, and connected himself with another office in Crane-court. Mr. Bensley lost his eldest son, Mr. Joseph Bensley, Aug. 11, 1819; see p. 491 of this vol. Mr. Bensley served the office of Master of the Company of Stationers in 1825. See memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1836, ii. 100.

1836, June 6. At Chelsea, aged 78, Mr. Thomas *Combe*, many years a respectable bookseller at Leicester, and father of Mr. Combe, printer at the Clarendon Press, Oxford. See Nichols's "Leicestershire," vol. I. p. 534.

1836, Aug. . . Died at Hinckley, aged 71, John *Ward*, Esq. He was the eldest son of Mr. Wm. *Ward*, bookseller (see vol. III. p. 688), and was for some years an assistant to his father, but left the printing-office to join his relative Mr. Thomas Short, in the wool and hosiery business. To this gentleman Mr. Nichols dedicated the second edition of his "History of Hinckley," fol. 1813, and prefixed to it is a portrait of Mr. Ward.

Nov. 5. Mr. James *Robins*, for many years a bookseller and publisher in Long Lane; also the author or editor of several works, among which was the "History of England during the reign of George III." which he published under the assumed name of Robert Scott.

Nov. 9. On his 87th birth-day, William *Blanchard*, Esq. proprietor of "The York Chronicle" for nearly 60 years. He was chosen a member of the York Corporation in Feb. 1780, and served Sheriff in 1817.

Nov. 26. In Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, aged 63, Thomas *Cadell*, Esq. bookseller and publisher in the Strand. He was the only son of Mr. Alderman Cadell, and carried on the business from his father's retirement in 1793 to 1820, in partnership with Mr. Wm. Davies; and afterwards in his own name alone. There for 43 years he followed his father's example, and sustained the reputation the house had acquired for liberality, honour, and integrity. See Lit. Anecd. VI. pp. 441—443, and p. 493 of this volume. In 1802 he married a daughter of Robert Smith, Esq. solicitor, of Basinghall-street, and sister of Messrs. J. and H. Smith, authors of "Rejected Addresses," and other works. Mr. Cadell had a numerous family; but after his death none of his sons continued in the trade, and the old concern was broken up. Mr. Cadell was one of the Court of Assistants of the Company of Stationers. Mrs. Cadell, his widow, died May 11, 1848.

1837, Jan. 27. In Stafford-place, Pimlico, aged 83, Mr. John *Nornaville*, late of the firm of Nornaville and Fell, booksellers, New Bond-street, successors to Mr. Robson.

Sept. 5. At Gelligron, near Neath, aged 67, Owen *Rees*, Esq., for 40 years an important member of the firm of Longman and Co., booksellers, Paternoster-row. On his leaving business, forty of his oldest friends and associates assembled at an entertainment as a tribute to his integrity and gentlemanly conduct. Few ever had larger opportunities of cultivating the intimacy of eminent authors, who largely benefited by Mr. Rees's exertions in bringing forward their publications. He was also a good dramatic critic. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1837, ii. 430.

1838, Jan. 27. At Eton, aged 62, Mr. Edward *Williams*, bookseller to Eton College, and of Fleet-street. Mr. Williams was maternally the grandson of Mr. Joseph Pote, bookseller, of Eton, author of the "History of St. George's Chapel, Windsor," and paternally son and grandson of two booksellers of Fleet-street. He was an agreeable companion, and wrote and sung some excellent professional songs. As husband, father, and neighbour,

no man was more respected. He was on the Court of the Company of Stationers. See *Gent. Mag.* 1838, i. 327.

1838, March 8. In his 70th year, John *Clarke*, Esq. law bookseller, of Portugal-street, elder son of Mr. Wm. Clarke. See p. 491 of this volume. He was on the Court of the Stationers' Company, and left a benefaction: see pp. 462, 512.

March 21. Mr. Joseph *Booker*, of New Bond-street, bookseller; for 26 years Secretary to the Associated Roman Catholic Charities in London. He was interred in Paddington Church-yard.

April 12. In Canterbury-buildings, Lambeth, in his 70th year, Mr. James *Rousseau*. He was the second son of Mr. Philip Rousseau: see p. 494 of this volume. He was apprenticed to Mr. Nichols; in whose employ and that of his successors he ever afterwards remained, and to whom he always proved himself a most devoted friend and faithful assistant. For the last twenty years he nightly superintended the printing the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Commons; in which arduous duty it was his pride and satisfaction to gain not only the approbation of his employers, but the patronage and good will of the principal Clerks of the House.

May 6. In Piccadilly, aged 83, Mr. James *Ridgway*, the well-known publisher of pamphlets. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. John Stockdale. See p. 482 of this volume.

July 6. In Jamaica, aged 83, Alexander *Aikman*, printer of "The Jamaica Royal Gazette." See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1838, 556.

July 15. In London, aged 76, Mr. Joseph *Jones*, bookseller, cousin to Stephen Jones, who died in 1827; see p. 501. Mr. Joseph Jones was an assistant to Mr. Wilkes, in compiling "The London Encyclopedia."

July 24. At Reading, aged 80, Mr. Robert *Snare*, bookseller there for nearly 50 years.

Dec. 29. In his 80th year, Thomas *Kelly*, 40 years a corrector of the London press. He died at Chorlton upon Medlock, near Manchester.

1839, April 9. Arthur Portsmouth *Arch*, younger brother and partner of Mr. John Arch, bookseller, at the corner of Cornhill and Gracechurch-street, by far the best mart for valuable books in the city part of the metropolis. These gentlemen were of the Society of Friends; and the elder brother particularly was a "gentleman dealing in books." Mr. A. Arch's department of the business was the attending at book auctions, and buying many a choice article either for themselves, or some of their numerous friends and customers. The extent of Messrs. Arch's connexions as booksellers may be learned from their standing in two instances at the head of Dr. Dibdin's supporters in the bookselling trade: they having subscribed for 12 copies on large paper of "Althorpiana," and for 50 copies on small paper; for 10 large and 100 small copies of Dr. Dibdin's "Tour," and

afterwards taking 50 more copies on small paper. Thus pleasantly does Dr. Dibdin speak of Messrs. Arch: "In a trice I am at the corner of Cornhill with my worthy, and old, and respectable friends, social as well as bibliopolistical, John and Arthur Arch. But Time has laid his hand upon them a little rudely since we used to have our Spencerian and Decameronian disportings some twenty years ago. And I know not even if a *Cordial* from Caxton would operate to the filling up of certain chinks, or increasing personal agility. Good books, fine books, instructive books, are yet thickly planted around them; and 'a pleasant grove for their wits to walk in' may be safely anticipated by the good citizens of London, if they will only devote some of their gains to the acquisition of such treasures. I say 'good day to them,' and heartily 'wishing them all the prosperity which they can wish themselves'—and which they richly deserve—I return homewards."—*Reminiscences*, p. 907.

1840, Jan. 15. At Chiswick, aged 73, Mr. Charles *Whittingham*, printer. A native of Norfolk, he served his apprenticeship at Coventry. Having worked as a journeyman at Birmingham, and having saved some money by speculating in a building society, he came to London, and set up a printing-office in Dean-street, Fetter Lane; thence removed to Goswell-street, and finally established himself at Chiswick. The beautiful specimens of the Chiswick Press will long preserve his name. He was an amiable unassuming man; and was generally beloved and esteemed. He bequeathed 2000*l.* to the Stationers' Company, the interest to be distributed to six widows of compositors or pressmen; 1,000*l.* to the Coal Fund at Chiswick; 200*l.* to the Printers' Pension Society; and 500*l.* and an annuity of 20*l.* a-year to his foreman, Mr. Fenwick, who had been with him 38 years. He was succeeded in business by his nephew, the present eminent printer, Mr. Charles Whittingham.

Jan. 30. Aged 71, Mr. John *Booth*, of Duke Street, Portland Place, an eminent bookseller.

April 2. At Brighton, in his 73d year, Sir Richard *Phillips*, bookseller. He was born in London, and educated at Soho-square and at Chiswick. His original name was Philip Richards. In 1786 he became an assistant in a school at Chester, and then afterwards went to Leicester, and opened a school. In about a year he left his school and became a hosier. In 1790 he established "The Leicester Herald," a democratic paper. He was prosecuted for selling Paine's "Rights of Man," and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. After his release he parted with his paper and returned to his hosiery business, till a fire consumed his house and stock. Being well insured he removed to St. Paul's Churchyard, London, where he opened a shop as a hosier. He then married Miss Griffiths, who is still living. On the 1st July, 1796, he established "The Monthly Magazine," with Dr. John Aikin as editor, assisted by a talented phalanx of dissenters in Church and State.

This successful literary publication was followed by numerous other important works, most of which are enumerated in *Gent. Mag.* for 1840. In 1807 he was elected Sheriff of London: his activity in that office was exemplary and beneficial, and he was knighted on the 30th March, 1808. At this time he published a *Memoir* of his own career.

Shortly afterwards, whilst his business seemed wonderfully on the increase, his commercial concerns became embarrassed, and his large establishment in New Bridge-street was broken up. Sir Richard recovered the "Monthly Magazine" and some of his beneficial copyrights, which he continued to manage with success. A list of his own writings may be seen, with fuller particulars of his life, in the *Gent. Mag.* for Aug. 1840, pp. 212—214.

1840. May 14. In Portugal-street, Walter William *Clarke*, Esq. law bookseller, long a partner with his father and brother, as law booksellers. He was on the Court of the Company of Stationers, and died unmarried. See pp. 491, 510.

July 17. At Bishop's Wearmouth, aged 80, Mr. Thomas *Reid*, bookseller there for nearly 60 years.

July 19. Died William *Witherby*, law stationer, in Birchin-lane, and of Islington. He was Master of the Company of Stationers in 1821—2.

Aug. 13. Mr. John *Richardson*, bookseller, of the Royal Exchange and Freeman's Court, Cornhill; a Member of the Court of the Company of Stationers. See hereafter.

1841, Jan. 1. Samuel *Collingwood*, Esq. printer, of the Oxford Press. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* for 1841, p. 214.

Feb. 3. At Stoke St. Mary, aged 87, Mr. John *Poole*, for more than half a century a bookseller and printer at Taunton.

Feb. 7. At Tooting, aged 73, Charles *Fourdrinier*, Esq. wholesale stationer. He was on the Courts of the Companies of Drapers and Stationers, of both of which he served the office of Master in 1834.

Feb. 8. At Kettering, aged 84, Mr. Thomas *Dash*, lately a bookseller of that town. See *Lit. Anec. Index*, VII. 103, 548.

March 4. Thomas *Steel*, esq. law stationer, Chancery lane. He was elected in 1840 Master of the Company of Stationers, and died in his year of office.

June 27. At Champion Hill, Camberwell, Edward London *Witts*, Esq. stationer. He was Master of the Company of Stationers in 1835.

June 29. At Islington, aged 75, Mr. Benjamin *Baker*, principal engraver to the Ordnance in the Tower, and Upper Warden of the Company of Stationers. He was accustomed to visit the prisoners in Newgate, and afford them religious assistance.

July 18. In America Square, aged 80, R. *Jones*, Esq. of the firm of Jones, Huggins, and Co. wholesale stationers, Aldgate-street.

Dec. 31. At Kensington, aged 83, John *Crickitt*, Esq. many

years a Proctor in Doctors' Commons; son, I presume, of John Crickitt, Esq. proctor, noticed in Lit. Anecd. III. 720.

1842, Jan. 4. At Chelsea, aged 70, Samuel *Sotheby*, Esq. a liveryman of the Stationers' Company, and an eminent book auctioneer. He was grand-nephew of Samuel Baker (see Lit. Anecd. vol. VII. p. 508). See an account of this well-known mart for books, coins, and fine arts, from the time of Baker to 1842, in Gent. Mag. April 1842, p. 443. It is gratifying to record the continued deserved success of the establishment under the firm of Messrs. Samuel Leigh Sotheby and John Wilkinson.

Aug. 28. At Hampstead, in his 72nd year, Thomas Norton *Longman*, Esq. Since the death of his father in 1797 (see Lit. Anec. VI. p. 439, Index VII. 236, 618), he had been the head of the largest bookselling concern in London. Mr. Longman's judgment in everything relative to his business was most judicious; and his attention unremitted. In 1799 he married Miss Slater of Horsham, by whom he had a numerous family. She did not long survive him, dying Nov. 2, 1842. He was a member of the Court of Assistants of the Company of Stationers, but fined for the offices of warden and master. His personal property was sworn under 200,000*l*.

1843, Jan. 23. At Gravesend, in his 102d year, Mr. Joshua *Jenour*, by many years the senior liveryman of the Company of Stationers, having been elected in 1776. See memoir of him in Gent. Mag. 1843, i. 325.

April 27. At Bath, Richard Shuttleworth *Cruttwell*, Esq. a Distributor of Stamps, a Magistrate of Bath, and formerly proprietor of "The Bath Chronicle," which paper was carried on with great success by him and his family before him for many years. He was a member of the Court of Assistants of the Stationers' Company.

June 27. In Albemarle-street, in his 65th year, John *Murray*, Esq. F.S.A., the distinguished publisher. He was the son of Mr. John Murray, medical bookseller, of Fleet-street (see Lit. Anecd. III. 731), who died in 1793, when his son was 15. He was assisted in business by Mr. S. *Highley*, who, on Mr. Murray coming of age, became his partner; but they parted in 1803. Mr. Murray then started on his own account, and began a career unrivalled as a publisher. In 1809 he himself suggested and established the Quarterly Review, with Mr. W. Gifford as editor; and about the same time his intimate connexion with Lord Byron commenced. His prices to authors were princely; and among the list may be noticed Lord Byron, Sir W. Scott, Crabbe, Bowles, Southey, Washington Irving, Milman, Wilson Croker, Lockhart, and other imperishable names. He was warm-hearted, generous, hospitable; his conversation was humorous, and his ready wit was an indication of his acuteness and judgment in business. He succeeded in 1812 to the shop in Albemarle-street, vacated by the retirement of Mr. Miller. In 1806 Mr. Murray married Miss Elliott; and his son, Mr. *John Murray*, has proved a most worthy

successor of so talented and successful a father. See an excellent memoir of Mr. Murray in *Gent. Mag.* August 1843, 210—212.

July 25. At Kennington, Surrey, in his 73d year, Mr. William *Savage*, printer. A native of Howden, co. York, in 1790 he began business as a printer and bookseller at that town, in partnership with his elder brother James. In 1797 he came to London, and, at the recommendation of Bishop Barrington, was appointed printer to the Royal Institution, and for ten years acted as their assistant secretary and superintendent of their printing-office. In 1803 he commenced printing on his own account. When he began, *fine* printing was in few hands, and its celebrity depending on the excellence of the ink, Mr. Savage made experiments for improving the article, which he detailed in his essay on the "Preparation of Printing Ink," 1832, and in his "Practical Hints on Decorative Printing," 1822. These works were the result of twenty-three years application. During the next ten years he was preparing his "Dictionary of Printing," 1841, which does him the highest honour as a man of superior knowledge. In his younger days Mr. Savage was a good draughtsman.—See an excellent memoir of Mr. William Savage, by his brother James, in *Gent. Mag.* for Jan. 1844, pp. 98—100.

1843. Oct. 5. At Plymouth, aged 80, Mr. Richard *Webb*, many years printer of "The Plymouth and Devonport Journal."

Oct. 13. In Henrietta-street, aged 86, Mr. John *Bohn*, an eminent bookseller; father of Mr. Henry G. Bohn, of York Street.

Dec. 19. At Finchley, in his 61st year, Joseph *Harding*, Esq. late of Pall Mall East, brother to Mr. John Harding, of St. James's-street; afterwards a printer in St. John's-square, and subsequently a partner in the firm of Lackington and Co. Temple of the Muses, Finsbury-square. He obtained a great fortune by successful speculations in works by subscription; among others, "Lodge's Portraits," Dugdale's "Monasticon," Ormerod's "Cheshire," &c. may be mentioned. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1844, i. p. 101.

1843 or 1844. Thomas *Turner*, Esq. of East Farleigh, Kent, Master of the Company of Stationers in 1827.

1844, Feb. 29. Died at Peckham Rye, aged 78, Mr. Vincent *Figgins*, the eminent letter-founder.

The Postscript printed in vol. II. p. 361, is equally honourable to Mr. Figgins and his kind patron Mr. Nichols. Mr. Figgins is thus noticed by an excellent judge, Mr. T. Curson Hansard, in his "Typographia:—"

"Mr. Vincent Figgins was apprentice to Mr. Jackson. He was bound in 1782, and served him as apprentice and journeyman till his death in 1792, having for the three preceding years had the entire management of the concern. Of this candidate for public favour as a letter-founder, Mr. Nichols says, 'With an ample portion of his kind instructor's reputation, he inherits a considerable share of his talents and industry, and has distinguished himself by the many beautiful specimens he has pro-

duced, and particularly of Oriental types.' On the death of Mr. Jackson, he failed in succeeding to his foundry and materials, by not bidding more than he conscientiously thought they were worth, or than he should be enabled to pay. But his character had long been observed by Mr. John Nichols, who, for many years, was the intimate friend of Mr. Jackson. Under his auspices Mr. Figgins was encouraged to rear a foundry for his own name. A large order (two founts, great primer and pica, of each 2000 lb., even before he had produced a single specimen) gave the young adventurer the best heart to proceed; neither did his liberal patron suffer him to want the sinews of trade as long as such assistance was required."*

Mr. Figgins was for several years a common-councilman for the Ward of Farringdon Without, was an amiable and worthy character, and was generally respected. Two worthy sons became his successors in a large and profitable business.

1844, March 24. At Edmonton, at an advanced age, Richard *Watts*, Esq. an eminent printer and type-founder of London, and formerly printer to the University of Cambridge.

March 31. At St. John's-wood, aged 76, George *Lackington*, Esq. the head of the firm of Lackington, Allen, Harding, and Co. Temple of the Muses, Finsbury-square. He was nephew of the celebrated *James Lackington* (see Lit. Anec. III. 646) who died Nov. 22, 1815. See a good account of him in Timperley's "History of Printing," p. 862; see also Wonderful Magazine, IV. 2089. Mr. George Lackington was latterly one of the official assignees of the Court of Bankruptcy. See an account of him in Gent. Mag. for May, 1844, p. 549.

April 22. Aged 79, Mr. John *Pitts*, printer of Ballads, accounts of Murders, &c. of Great St. Andrew-street, Seven Dials. See Anecdotes of him in Gent. Mag. 1844, i. 662.

June ... At Winchester, aged 84, Mr. James *Robbins*, printer, and bookseller to Winchester School.

* "It is a singular coincidence that the three eminent printers, successive proprietors of the same concern, should be the patrons of three foundries which have so eminently flourished; namely, the first Mr. Bowyer was the patron of the first Mr. Caslon; the second Mr. Bowyer, of Mr. Jackson, who served his apprenticeship to Mr. Caslon: and Mr. John Nichols, of Mr. Figgins, who, as just above stated, served his time to Mr. Jackson. The patronage also of the delegates of the Oxford University press, and the type on which Mr. Bensley printed those two splendid works, Bowyer's History of England, and Macklin's Bible, established Mr. Figgins in all the reputation he could desire; and he has never since ceased in his efforts to make his foundry one of the most complete in England. No foundry existing is better stocked with matrices for those extraneous sorts which are cut more with a view to accommodation than profit; such as astronomical, geometrical, algebraical, physical, genealogical, and arithmetical sorts; and I feel it particularly incumbent on me to add, that, as his specimen bears equal rank with any for the number and beauty of its founts, so he has strayed less into the folly of fat-faced, preposterous, disproportions, than either Thorne, Fry, or Caslon. I consider his five-line pica german-text a typographic curiosity."—T. C. H.

1844, Oct. 25. At his son's, the Rev. Stanley Miller, Dennington, near Woodbridge, aged 76, William *Miller*, Esq. formerly an eminent bookseller in Albemarle Street. He was son of Mr. Thomas Miller, bookseller, Bungay. (See Literary Anecdotes, III. 681; VIII. 471.) In 1791 Mr. Miller commenced business in Bond Street. The first work he published was his uncle Dr. Miller's "Psalms of David," with more than 5,000 subscribers. In 1804 he removed to Albemarle Street; and in 1812 retired from business with a comfortable independence, and was succeeded by Mr. Murray. He published many important works, but his greatest effort as publisher was the historical work of Charles James Fox, for which he gave Mrs. Fox the sum of 1,500*l*. Mr. Miller was also an author. His "Biographical Sketches of British Characters," commencing with the accession of George IV. contains 230 subjects. Mr. Miller's opinions in these "Characters" are given with a bold and unsparing hand; but no one can doubt his honesty of intention. The work forms two vols. 4to. It is to be regretted it was not continued. Mr. Miller was a gentleman in every sense of the word, and was highly esteemed. There are two good portraits of Mr. Miller; one by T. Phillips, engraved by E. Scriven, in Dr. Dibdin's "Decameron;" the other, a lithograph by J. D. Engleheart, sometimes found prefixed to Mr. Miller's "Biographical Characters." There is a good memoir of him in Gent. Mag. Jan. 1845, p. 103.

Dec. 26. In Dean's Yard, Westminster, George *Woodfall*, Esq. F.S.A., eldest son of Henry Samson Woodfall, Esq. (of whom and his predecessors see Literary Anecdotes, vol. I. p. 300; VII. 475, 476, 715.) He was his father's partner in trade until the destruction of their printing-office at the corner of Ivy Lane, Paternoster Row, by fire, in Dec. 1793; when the father retired, and the trade was continued on the same spot by Mr. G. Woodfall, till his removal to Angel Court, Snow Hill. There he continued to carry on a very considerable business alone, until 1840, when he was joined by his eldest son, Mr. *Henry Dick Woodfall*; who is the fifth in succession to the trade originally established by Mr. H. Woodfall, the protégée of Pope.

His talents as a printer are thus pleasantly noticed by Dr. Dibdin, in his "Bibliographical Decameron." "Mr. Woodfall is the laborious and spirited typographical artist to whom we are indebted for the quarto reprints of our *old Chronicles*, and for the reprints of *Hakluyt's Voyages*. There is a *gaieté-de-cœur* about this worthy character that makes us think 'no calling' is like the typographical one. May he long enjoy that sunshine of good opinion, among the most respectable of society, which has a prodigious influence in softening down the rubs and rebuffs of human mortality. His name is not *new* in public estimation; and it is quite pleasant to see how becomingly the mantle of the father sits upon the shoulders of the son."

Mr. Woodfall felt a lively interest in the "Letters of Junius," and published, in 1812, a complete edition of that work. It con-

tained, besides the Letters published by authority of Junius himself, others written by the same author, under various signatures, which appeared in the "Public Advertiser" from April 1767 to May 1772, together with his private letters, exceedingly curious and interesting, addressed to his printer, and his confidential correspondence with Mr. Wilkes. The private letters between the author and his printer abound in instances of the high and independent spirit of the one, and the manly integrity of the other.

Mr. Woodfall was a very influential member of the Company of Stationers, and he served Master of that Company in 1833-4, and also in 1841. In politics he was a staunch Liberal, and felt and occasionally expressed himself very warmly. In private life he was much endeared to a very large circle of friends; and his character could not be better summed up than in the words inscribed on his father's tomb, which truly says, "He was a gentleman of a liberal mind and education; the associate and patron of many distinguished literary characters; and exemplary in the discharge of his duty of husband, father, and friend."

1844, Dec. 31. At Islington, aged 84, Mr. Thomas *Gardiner*, bookseller, of Prince's-street, Cavendish-square.

1845, Feb. 17. At Hertford, aged 75, Mr. Stephen *Austin*, printer of "The Herts Reformer."

March 19. At Taunton, in his 78th year, Mr. James *Savage*. He commenced business as printer and bookseller with his brother William (who died July 25, 1843, see p. 515), at his native place, Howden, in Yorkshire; but William removed to London in 1797, and in 1803 James Savage also came to town. He was some time assistant to Sir Richard Phillips, and afterwards assistant librarian at the London Institution. Mr. Professor Porson domiciled in his family, and he published "An Account of Porson's Last Illness." He afterwards removed to Taunton: and first settled there as a bookseller, but left his business to be the librarian of the Taunton Institution. He then went to Dorchester to edit the "Dorset County Chronicle," which continued 14 years. He published the Histories of "Howden Church" and "Wressle," but his Histories of "Taunton" and "Hundred of Carhampton" were his principal performances. A full account of him and his numerous writings may be seen in *Gent. Mag.* 1845, i. 558.

1846, April 12. In his 72d year, Mr. John Frederick *Setchel*, bookseller, in King-street, Covent-garden, son of Henry Setchel, who was originally a grocer, but in 1774 turned bookseller; he carried on business for 45 years, and died Nov. 2, 1819, in his 80th year. (See p. 491 of this volume.) His son succeeded him, and was in business 50 years. His daughter is an able artist. For a character of Mr. J. F. Setchel see *Gent. Mag.* 1846, i. 663.

Aug. 25. In Upper Harley-street, in his 81st year, Daniel *Stuart*, Esq., a gentleman long connected with the public press. He was of a family in Scotland staunch in the Stuart cause: his grandfather was "out" in 1715, and his father in 1745. In 1792, Mr. Stuart was deputy to his brother-in-law, Mr. (afterwards

Sir James) Mackintosh, as secretary to the Society of Friends to the People. But Mr. Stuart was induced to take a different line of politics, as in 1795 he bought the "Morning Post;" in this speculation he was very successful. In 1803 he sold the "Morning Post," and became joint editor with Mr. Street of the "Courier," and continued his exertions till he attained an handsome fortune. In 1816 he resigned the editorship of the Courier, and in 1822 sold his shares. See a memoir in *Gent. Mag.* Jan. 1847, p. 90.

1846, Nov. 2. In York-place, Walworth, aged 90, John *Harris*, Esq. This worthy gentleman was the architect of his own fortune. He was for about 14 years the assistant of Mr. Thomas Evans, a wholesale bookseller in Paternoster Row. He then, we have heard, settled for a short time as a bookseller at Bury St. Edmund's; but not liking so inactive a country life he returned to town, and, after a short stay with Mr. Evans, went to be assistant to Mr. John Murray, medical bookseller in Fleet-street; and shortly after became the able assistant to Mr. Francis Newbery, the well-known bookseller of St. Paul's Churchyard, and publisher of the Gentleman's Magazine. On Mr. Newbery's death in 1780, he managed the business so well as to procure for the widow a good fortune, who, after many years, resigned the business to Mr. Harris. He ultimately retired with an ample fortune in favour of his son, who has since disposed of the business to Messrs. Grant and Griffiths. Mr. Harris was a most excellent man; and as a tradesman passed a long and useful life with the greatest credit. At his death he bequeathed 600*l.* Three per Cents. to the Booksellers' Provident Retreat, 100*l.* to the Literary Fund, and 100*l.* to the Printers' Pension Society—thus, in his last moments, remembering the distresses of his less fortunate fellow-tradesmen. *West's Recollections*; and *Gent. Mag.* 1846, ii. 664.

1847, March 20. In Westbourn-place, Eaton-square, Mr. James *Harrison*, printer, father of Mr. Thomas R. *Harrison*, printer of the London Gazette, of Saint Martin's-lane. He served Master of the Stationers' Company in 1828.

June 2. Aged 72, Mr. Thomas *Hurst*, bookseller, partner with Messrs. Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Brown. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1847, ii. 105.

July 1. At St. Stephen's, Canterbury, aged 84, Richard *Marsh*, Esq. brother to Dr. Herbert Marsh, Bishop of Peterborough. He was a stationer in Fleet-street, served the office of Master of the Stationers' Company in 1826, and was the senior member of the Court of Assistants. He married a daughter of Charles Fourdrinier, esq. (see p. 513).

1847, July 28. In Printing-house-square, in his 72d year, John *Walter*, Esq. of Bearwood, Berks, the proprietor of the Times newspaper. He was the son of Mr. John Walter of the Times, who died Nov. 16, 1812 (see p. 477 of this vol.) He first imparted to the daily press its present vast range and celerity of information. He brought the steam-engine to the assistance of the press, accompanied by an adaptation of Mr. Kœnig's

printing-machine. The difficulties Mr. Walter had to overcome were almost insuperable ; but in 1814 he was induced by a clerical friend to make a fresh trial, and the machinery of Mr. Kœnig, assisted by his young friend Bauer, was introduced. At one time these able mechanics suspended their labours and left the premises, but were induced to resume their efforts by Mr. Walter's clerical friend. [It was the Rev. Peter Lovett Fraser, Rector of Kegworth, in Leicestershire, who died Oct. 16, 1852. See *Gent. Mag.* 1847, ii. 322 ; 1853, i. 316.] A paramount regard to the interests and rights of the people was the mainspring not only of all that Mr. Walter said or did on the public stage, but of his most private conversation and his most instinctive emotions. Mr. Walter twice contested successfully the county of Berks, in 1832 and 1834, but resigned his seat in 1837 in disgust at the support given to the New Poor Law by the party with whom he had acted. He afterwards contested Southwark unsuccessfully. He fought three battles at Nottingham, of which he gained two, though on the last occasion he was unseated on petition. He finally contested Windsor unsuccessfully. As a testimony of respect to Mr. Walter, his eldest son, the present Member for Nottingham, was elected for that borough on the day after his father's decease.

Oct. 27. Aged 75, Mr. Sealy *Fourdrinier*, one of the patentees of the paper-making machine with H. Fourdrinier (see p. 522).

Oct. . . . At Maryborough, Ireland, aged 112, Billy *Allen*, a vender of tracts. He was a newsman in London in 1780.

1848, Jan. 14. At Brixton, at an advanced age, Mr. John *Brettell*, a native of Salisbury, and printer in Great Windmill-street, Westminster.

Feb. 24. At Liverpool, aged 80, Mr. Richard *Hughes*, senior. He printed the First Number of "The Liverpool Mercury."

April 28. At Camberwell, George *Rowe*, Esq. late a stationer in Fleet-street, and partner with Mr. Richard Marsh. Mr. Rowe was a truly worthy good-humoured gentleman. He was Master of the Stationers' Company in 1839. See *Gent. Mag.* 1848, i. 673.

Oct. 4. Aged 76, Matthew *Harrison*, Esq. of Cornhill, stationer, and of Highbury-place South. He was one of the Court of Assistants of the Company of Stationers.

1849, April 8. In Burton-crescent, aged 85, Thomas *Chapman*, Esq. an eminent printer connected with the London periodical press. He was Master of the Company of Stationers in 1836 ; was an active intelligent man, and was much respected. See particulars of him in *Gent. Mag.* May 1849, p. 552.

June 21. At Clapham, in his 81st year, John *Hatchard*, Esq. for nearly 50 years an eminent bookseller in Piccadilly. He was an assistant to Mr. Payne at the Mews Gate, and commenced business in Piccadilly with great success. In 1797 he published an able pamphlet, "Reform or Ruin," which sold immensely, and led to a popularity which he never lost afterwards. He was bookseller to the Society for bettering the Condition of the Poor ; and was the publisher of "The Chris-

tian Observer" from its commencement till his retirement from business in 1845. For 40 years he aided young ladies in procuring situations as governesses, and was thus enabled to benefit many deserving young women, as well as the gentry who engaged his protégées. So high was his character, that many persons entrusted him with large sums to be distributed to the necessitous. At his dissolution he left two sons, the Rev. John Hatchard, of Plymouth, and his successor in business, Mr. Thomas Hatchard.

1849, Nov. 18. At his son-in-law's, Fitzroy Square, aged 79, William Francis *Chapman*, Esq. wholesale stationer in King-street and in Basinghall-street, in the firm of Weguelin, Chapman, and Bleadon. He was the son of Mr. William Chapman, of King-street, Master of the Company of Stationers in 1795, as was Mr. W. F. Chapman in 1838. See p. 469 of this volume.

1850, May 28. Aged 64, Mr. Henry *Caslon*, letter-founder. See p. 448 of this volume.

1850, Dec. 20. In Cumberland Place, St. John's Wood, aged 84, George *Greenhill*, Esq. late Treasurer of the Stationers' Company. He became a liveryman of the Company of Stationers in 1795; and in 1797 was elected Treasurer of the Stock Board, the duties of which office he executed highly to his own credit and to the advantage of the Company for 52 years. On his resignation in 1849 he was complimented by a continuance of his salary for life; and his son Mr. Joseph Greenhill was elected Treasurer in his room. Mr. Greenhill was buried in Hendon Church-yard.

1851, March 26. At Newington, Surrey, aged 81, John *Otridge*, Esq. formerly a bookseller in the Strand, in partnership with his father Mr. William Otridge, who died Nov. 9, 1812, in his 70th year. See p. 477 of this volume.

March 28. At Windsor, aged 78, Samuel *Bagster*, Esq. the eminent printer and publisher. Mr. Bagster was originally a general bookseller in the Strand; and removed to Paternoster Row several years back, where he established himself in *The Aldine Chambers*, whence have issued Polyglot Bibles and other works, in so many shapes and sizes as will render his name as imperishable as that of Aldus himself.

1851, April 5. At Highgate, aged 82, William *Barron*, Esq. He was twice Master of the Company of Stationers, in 1837 and in 1841.

1852, Oct. 19. Benjamin *Tucker*, Esq. He was Warden of the Company of Stationers in 1841 and 1842; but fined for Master.

1853, Jan. 23. At Gravesend, in his 102d year, Mr. Joshua *Jenour*, formerly the proprietor of the Daily Advertiser. The history of that successful journal, and its proprietor, is related in the Literary Anecdotes, vols. I. 63, 290, 312; III. 726, 727; IX. 290. Mr. Jenour was born in Serjeants' Inn, in 1753, and lived to be by far the oldest member of the Stationers' Company, having taken up his livery in 1776. He was also a voluminous, though obscure, author; his works being generally anonymous.

A list of his numerous writings, with further personal particulars, may be seen in *Gent. Mag.* 1853, i. 325. [A portion of this article has been before inserted, under a wrong year, in p. 514.]

1853, March 2. In Warren Street, Pentonville, Mr. Joseph *Baker*, the oldest member in the Court of Assistants of the Stationers' Company, formerly an eminent map-engraver, and employed in conjunction with his brother, Mr. Benjamin Baker, who died June 29, 1841. (See p. 513.) Mr. Joseph Baker was born about 1766, in Great New-street, Fetter Lane. He served Master of the Stationers' Company in 1832.

1854, Jan. 16. At Plymouth, aged 84, Mr. William *Carpenter*, printer, formerly of Fetter Lane, the oldest member in the Court of the Company of Stationers. He served Master in 1845.

March 3. At Blackheath, aged 84, James Malcott *Richardson*, Esq. of Cornhill, bookseller. His uncle, Mr. Wm. Richardson, was assistant to Mr. Rivington; and afterwards an eminent bookseller under the Royal Exchange and in Cornhill, who by great industry accumulated upwards of 50,000*l.* He married Miss Say, daughter of Charles Green Say, Esq. printer of the *Craftsman*, (see *Lit. Anec.* III., p. 737, of this volume,) by whom he had one daughter, married, March 10, 1803, to John Baily, Esq., surgeon, elder brother of Francis Baily, F.R.S., the eminent astronomer. Mrs. Baily was, at the time of her marriage, esteemed one of the handsomest women in the city. Mr. Richardson had a villa at Enfield; and died in 1811, aged about 85. He was succeeded by two nephews, Mr. *John Richardson*, who had the shop under the Royal Exchange, (see p. 513,) and Mr. *James Malcott Richardson*, who had the shop in Cornhill. The business of Mr. James M. Richardson rose to great importance from his connexion with India. He married early, and had a numerous family. He lived at Greenwich, where his liberality and amiability were proverbial. He rose early, took exercise in his garden, went to town by eight o'clock, breakfasted there, and was at his desk by nine. His advice was constantly sought by persons of high rank in India. His charity was profuse. See an interesting account of him in *Gent. Mag.* for May 1854, p. 543, and particularly an anecdote respecting his kindness to a young Blue Coat boy, and who, if we mistake not, became afterwards his son-in-law, and is now one of the highest ornaments of our Church.

Sept. 3. Aged 88, Henry *Fourdrinier*, Esq. He was descended from an ancient family in one of the northern provinces of France, whence, by religious persecution, they were driven into Holland. He was born in Lombard Street on 11th Feb. 1766, and succeeded his father as a paper-maker and wholesale stationer. In conjunction with his brother he patented the invention of the paper-making machine. This invention was perfected at Two Waters, in Herts. Between 1800 and 1807 Messrs. Fourdrinier expended 60,000*l.* on account of the machine; and from losses consequent on its completion, defending the patent, &c., they became bankrupts in 1810. In 1814, on the Emperor of Russia's visit to

England, he commissioned a person to purchase the right of using Mr. Fourdrinier's machine at the imperial paper works at Peterhoff; and an agreement was concluded with Mr. Fourdrinier for the use of two of his machines for ten years at 700*l.* a year; and Mr. Fourdrinier's son went to Russia to superintend them. The workmen were paid by the Imperial Treasury, but Mr. Fourdrinier never received any part of his stipulated reward. Meanwhile Mr. Fourdrinier and his brother again petitioned Parliament upon their patent, fully proved by evidence to be their property. On 25th April, 1839, some interesting details of this ingenious invention were elicited during a debate in the House of Commons, when the evidence of Mr. Brunel and Mr. Lawson of "The Times" proved the paper-making machine one of the most splendid discoveries of modern times. The increase to the revenue was stated to be 500,000*l.* a year; and the saving to the country effected by it 8,000,000*l.* The patentees' claim was at length recognised; and, in May 1840, 7,000*l.* was voted by Parliament to Messrs. Fourdrinier, as some compensation for their loss by the defective state of the law of patents. Mr. Fourdrinier was the senior member of the Company of Stationers, having been elected a liveryman 1787. His portrait is given in the Illustrated London News for Oct. 7, 1854, p. 345. See further particulars of Mr. H. Fourdrinier in Gent. Mag. for July 1854, p. 102.

1854, Nov. 17. In the Charter House, in his 85th year, Mr. William *West*, formerly a bookseller in London and Cork. He was apprenticed to Mr. Robert Collins in 1785, but turned over to Mr. Thomas Evans in Paternoster Row, to whom and his son he was an assistant for many years. In 1808 he was a bookseller at Cork, of which city he published "A Picturesque Description." On Oct. 30, 1830, (his birthday) he published "Reminiscences of an Old Bookseller," in which he gave many particulars of himself, with his own portrait. In 1830 he published "The History, Topography, and Directory of Warwickshire," 8vo. In the same year he compiled the letter-press to "Cities, Towns, Castles, &c. in Staffordshire and Shropshire," from drawings by his son-in-law, Mr. Frederick Calvert. In 1839 he became the editor of "The Aldine Magazine," of which one volume appeared, and in which will be found many anecdotes of London booksellers. He died in the Charter House. See a long memoir of this worthy old gentleman in Gent. Mag. for August, 1855, p. 214.

1854, Dec. 25. Aged 82, William *Simpkin*, Esq. formerly of the firm of Simpkin, Marshall, and Co. of Stationers' Hall-court, booksellers; from which Mr. Simpkin retired about 1828, on a large annuity, and Mr. Marshall has also lately receded. A daughter of Mr. Simpkin is married to Mr. H. G. Bohn, bookseller, York-street.

1855, Jan. 18. At Kentish Town, in his 89th year, Mr. Thomas *Tymms*, compositor. See account of this worthy man in Gent. Mag. for Feb. 1855, p. 223.

Feb. 9. At Washbrook, Ipswich, aged 84, John *Raw*, Esq.

formerly a bookseller at Ipswich. He published a Harwich Guide, and for many years an excellent Suffolk Pocket Book, well stored with local views and effusions of the poets of the district.

May 26. At Chelsea, in his 79th year, Mr. Thomas *Faulkner*, bookseller; a correspondent of the Gentleman's Magazine. He published Histories of the parishes of Chelsea, 8vo. 1810; 2d edit. 1829; of Fulham, 1813; of Kensington, 1820; of Hammersmith, 1839; and of Brentford, Chiswick, and Ealing, 1845; besides Translations and other works, enumerated in a memoir of him in the Gentleman's Magazine for August 1855.

June 24. At Whixley, near York, in his 91st year, John *White*, esq. formerly an eminent bookseller in Fleet-street. See p. 467 of this volume.

July 5. Aged 87, W. A. *Weguelin*, Esq. of Weymouth-street, Portland-place; a liveryman of the Company of Stationers, elected 1805. He was formerly a wholesale stationer in Basinghall-street, in the firm of Weguelin, Chapman, and Bleadon.

Sept. 7. At Margate, in his 80th year, Thomas *Kelly*, Esq. Alderman of Farringdon Within, and Lord Mayor of London in 1825-6. Mr. Kelly was a dutiful son, a faithful servant, and an active clever man of business. Mr. Kelly's history is very encouraging to young beginners. An interesting memoir of him has been published by the Rev. R. Fell, from which many particulars are given in a review of the work, in Gent. Mag. for January, 1856, p. 44. Mr. Kelly began as the laborious and useful servant to Mr. Alexander Hogg, publisher, whose works were circulated by hawkers in all parts of the country. Whilst a servant of Mr. Hogg, his surname was scarcely heard of, but he was generally known as Mr. *Thomas*. After Hogg's death he succeeded to his business; to which he afterwards added that of Mr. Cooke, and so enlarged his concerns, that in a very few years he accumulated a great fortune.

1856, Feb. 1. At Ham Common, aged 79, John Lewis *Cox*, Esq. He was the son of Edward Cox, Esq. who was appointed printer to the East India Company so far back as the year 1777, and died in 1824. Mr. John Lewis Cox succeeded his father in that office; and on his retirement from business in 1843, his successors were his two sons, Mr. John A. D. Cox and Mr. Henry Morrell Cox. He had the misfortune of losing three excellent sons a few years previous to his decease. His eldest son, Edward Thomas Cox, was a major in the East India Company's service, and died in India in 1854. His second son Mr. Henry Morrell Cox, a partner in the printing firm, died shortly before his father, Sept. 18, 1855, aged 42. A third son Mr. Arthur Haworth Cox, who promised to be a distinguished artist, died at Rome in 1842. From the many amiable and social qualities of Mr. J. L. Cox, no man could be more beloved by his own family, and his numerous friends, particularly by those who were accustomed to associate with him in the Court of the Stationers' Company. He served the office of Master of that Company in 1849-50,

1856, Aug. 22. At Brixton, aged 82, Richard *Bate*, Esq. Master of the Stationers' Company in 1844 ; one of the sons of James Bate, Esq. Master of the Company in 1799, and grandson of Rev. James Bate, Rector of St. Paul's, Deptford, who died in 1775. Of this divine, and of his brother, the Rev. Julius Bate, who died in 1771, and of their father, the Rev. Richard Bate, and other members of this learned family, see Lit. Anecd. Index VII. p. 234.

1857, Jan. 21. In his 80th year, William *Nicol*, Esq. late of the Shakspeare Press, Pall Mall. He was the son of the late *George Nicol*, Esq. Bookseller to King George III., the intimate friend of John Duke of Roxburghe, who consulted him in all important affairs, and who died July 25, 1828, at the age of 88. The King took great pleasure in the arrangements of the Royal Library, and thereby became acquainted with Mr. George Nicol, for whom he soon acquired the highest esteem, frequently condescending to employ him in confidential missions as a private friend. On the occasion of the Duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV. entering the Royal Navy as a midshipman, the King commissioned Mr. Nicol to purchase his outfit, saying, "If I intrust any of my people about the Court, they will purchase finery totally unsuited to the grade my son has to fill, in the first instance, according to the rules of the service ; you will be kind enough, therefore, to go to Wapping, and procure an outfit such as you would provide for your own son, supposing he was about to enter as midshipman on-board a Man of War." It is perhaps needless to say, that Mr. Nicol performed this duty to the entire satisfaction of His Majesty (see a memoir of Mr. G. Nicol in p. 501 of this volume). The mother of Mr. William Nicol was Miss Ruth Hole, of a respectable family of the Society of Friends. She died shortly after his birth. His father married, secondly, Miss Mary Boydell, niece to Alderman John Boydell. She was a great collector of prints, and died December 21, 1820 ; see *Gent. Mag.* 1820, ii. p. 574, and 1824, i. p. 236.

Mr. W. Nicol was educated by Dr. Burney at Hammersmith. He was apprenticed to James Dodsley, Esq. one of the Court of Assistants of the Stationers' Company, on the 1st of May 1792 ; and subsequently entered into partnership with his father as booksellers in Pall Mall ; this firm published several works of considerable importance. The *Shakspeare Press* was established about 1791, by Mr. G. Nicol, who placed Mr. *Bulmer* at the head of the establishment, as perhaps the best practical *fine* printer of his day ; and the firm, carried on under the name of W. Bulmer and Co. was for many years eminently successful, as is shown by the list of its splendid works, enumerated by Dr. Dibdin in the second volume of the "Bibliographical Decameron." Mr. Bulmer died Sept. 9, 1830 (see memoir of him in p. 503 of this volume).

In 1817 Mr. William Nicol became the active partner in the management of the Shakspeare Press, and on the retirement of

Mr. Bulmer in 1819, he succeeded to it as sole proprietor. The works that proceeded from Mr. Nicol's press were no-wise inferior in execution to those of Mr. Bulmer : among them may be mentioned, Dr. Dibdin's Bibliographical Tour in France and Normandy ; the Hexaglot folio edition of the Georgics of Virgil, edited by W. Sotheby, Esq. ; the Genealogical History of the Royal House of France, by Barré Lord Ashburton ; the important Works printed for the Roxburghe Club ; Major's edition of Walpole's Lives of the Painters ; Walton's Angler, and Lives, &c. &c. Still it was evident that the Shakspeare Press did not enjoy so large a share of patronage as in the earlier time of its prosperity ; in fact, fine printing had become almost universal, and the inferior style of the art the exception.

In 1855 Mr. Nicol gave up business, his printing materials being sold off in the latter part of that year ; the most valuable remaining connexion, including the Roxburghe Club, transferring their patronage to the firm of John Bowyer Nichols and Sons, in Parliament Street.

In early life Mr. W. Nicol joined the celebrated corps of the City Light Horse Volunteers, and soon attained the rank of Serjeant-Major ; he was reputed to have been a bold rider, and one of the most expert swordsmen in the regiment. He served in it many years, and was an active member of the Committee of Management up to the time of its being disbanded, when he assisted in carrying-out the arrangements consequent upon its dissolution.

Mr. William Nicol was much esteemed by a numerous circle of friends. He possessed an immense fund of anecdote, great facility of narration, and was a highly intellectual and agreeable companion. He will be long remembered, and his loss much regretted, by those who were employed in his office, to whom he was ever an indulgent, kind, and generous protector.

1857, April 25. In Edwards-street, Hampstead Road, in his 80th year, Mr. Robert Harding *Evans*, formerly the well-known book-auctioneer in Pall Mall.

He was the son of Mr. Thomas Evans, an eminent bookseller in the Strand, the editor of a very popular collection of Old Ballads, and of many useful editions of the poets and classics of the last century. He died in 1784, when his son was about seven years old. See a memoir of Mr. T. Evans in *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. III. p. 456, and Index, VII. p. 128.

Mr. R. H. Evans was educated at Westminster School. He served his apprenticeship to Mr. Thomas Payne, at the Mews Gate ; and succeeded to the business of Mr. James Edwards, in Pall Mall. He there continued as a general bookseller until 1812, when his friend and neighbour, Mr. George Nicol, induced him to act as auctioneer in the sale of the famous library of the Duke of Roxburghe ; and " it must be allowed," remarks Dr. Dibdin, " that such a situation, for a novice, was not less important and difficult than it was of long and severe trial. The result did not

disappoint the anticipations of his employers and of the public. For two-and-forty successive days (Sundays excepted) were the voice and hammer of Mr. Evans heard with equal efficacy. The throng and press both of idle spectators and determined buyers was unprecedented."

From his success in this memorable sale, Mr. Evans was induced to undertake frequent auctions, in addition to his trade as a general bookseller, which after a time became less an object of his attention. During the early years of his wielding the hammer, he was employed in the dispersion of the Stanley, Alchorne, and Townley libraries, those of Mr. J. Edwards, the Duke of Grafton, Field-Marshal Junot, and the Borromeo collection; and subsequently, among others we may not recal to memory, he sold the celebrated White Knights collection, and those of Bindley, Dent, Hibbert, North, and the most valuable portions of the vast accumulations of Mr. Heber. It may be safely affirmed, that in the series of Mr. Evans's sale catalogues will be found by far the largest portion of the best libraries sold between the years 1812 and 1847; and we have the satisfaction to add, that his own marked set was about two years ago deposited in the British Museum, as some time before had been the much longer series of the house of Baker, Leigh, Sotheby, and Co.

Mr. Evans was qualified for his profession by an excellent memory and by a vast fund of information. It was always a pleasure to hear him discourse on the intrinsic merits or the antecedent history of whatever articles of mark he had to pass *sub hasta*. He omitted no comments or arguments that might tend to encourage the competition of bidders, and they were sometimes so frequent and so prolonged as to extend the day's sale to an hour inconveniently late.

In private intercourse his communications were no less ready and no less remarkable; for, such was his acquaintance with what may be termed our political literature, that many men of high standing in public life, and in particular the late Sir Robert Peel, have frequently profited by his information.

With all these qualifications, however, and practical success, Mr. Evans, from inattention to the vital point of finance, was at length unsuccessful; nor, when he was re-established in Bond-street, where his two sons were his partners, did he recover a permanent standing.

Mr. Evans engaged in several literary tasks, besides the excellent bibliographical notes of his Catalogues. He edited a new edition of Hakluyt's Voyages, in 4to. adding a fifth volume, which contained reprints of some of the rarest tracts. He produced a new edition of his father's Collection of Ballads; and, in conjunction with Mr. Thomas Wright, he furnished the explanations to Gilray's Caricatures, republished by Mr. Henry G. Bohn.

An excellent portrait of Mr. Evans was given in Dr. Dibdin's Decameron, vol. III. p. 51, drawn by W. Behnes (now the eminent sculptor), and engraved by Freeman.

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P. 66. The inscription in the book presented to Harward College, appears to have been as follows :—

Collegio Harvardensi,
Novi Orbis Decori et Ornamento,
Veteris Admiratiōni,
Academicis Britannicis virtute
et moribus minus æmulo
quam exemplo,
Munusculum hoc donat
GULIELMUS BOWYER.

P. 397, l. 13. In March 1763, Dr. Johnson sent a truly kind letter of advice to his young friend Mr. George Strahan, then aged 19, and prosecuting his studies under the Rev. Mr. Bright at Abingdon. The original letter was given in 1824 to Miss Hole, of Highbury.

P. 579. It was always customary for the Aldermen of London to be of one of the Twelve Superior Companies ; if not so already, they were translated to one of them. The following proceedings of the Court of the Stationers took place on the election of Mr. Barber as Alderman :—

“ At a Court held 6th June, 1732.

“ Our Master acquainted the Court, that there was an order from the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, for six members of this Company to attend the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen this day, in order to translate Mr. Alderman Barber from this Company to the Company of Goldsmiths.”

“ *Ordered*, That the Master and Wardens, Mr. Walther, Mr. Innys, and Mr. Brewer, do attend the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen this day at one o'clock in the afternoon, and consent that Mr. Alderman Barber be translated from this Company to the Company of Goldsmiths.”

“ 4th July, 1732.

“ The Master acquainted the Court, that the Master and Wardens, and the other gentlemen appointed by the order of the 6th of June last, did, on the same day, attend the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, and consented, on behalf of this Company, that Mr. Alderman Barber should be translated to the Goldsmiths' Company ; and the Alderman was translated accordingly, whereby he ceased to continue a member of this Company.”

Of late years the Company of Stationers has had its full share of Aldermen, without the necessity of losing their worthy members on election to that office.

P. 641, l. 15, r. Peter Mainwaring, of Manchester, M.P. He died Dec. 30, 1786, aged 90.

P. 655, l. 20. Dr. Samuel Croxall died Feb. 13, 1739. See Nichols's Collection of Poems, vol. VII.; and Chalmers's Biographical Dictionary.

P. 665, notes, l. 15. Mr. Benjamin *Uphill* died July 12, 1809, aged 42. See some Verses to his Memory by Mr. Lemoine in *Gent. Mag.* 1809, p. 729.

P. 672. Mr. Thomas *Browne*, bookseller, died April 27, 1801, aged 81. He was 30 years librarian to the Hull Subscription Library; and author of Poetical Pieces first printed in the Hull Advertiser, and afterwards in a separate volume.

P. 721. Thomas *Gent* was born at Dublin, and was apprenticed to Mr. Powell, a printer there. On his arrival in London, he was employed by Daniel Midwinter and Mr. Meares, in Blackfriars. April 20, 1714, he left London, and walked to York in six days, where he was employed by Mr. White, for one year, and then visited Dublin, and found work with Mr. Thomas Hume in Copper Alley; but returned to London in 1716, and worked with Mr. Wilkins in Little Britain, in company with Samuel Negus. He then again worked with Mr. Watts. In 1718 he again visited Dublin, and commenced master. In 1724 Gent removed to York, and married a relative of Mr. White. See "The Life of Mr. Thomas Gent, Printer, of York, written by Himself. London. Printed for Thomas Thorpe, 1832." This little work contains a good portrait of Gent; and much curious minute information.

P. 727, l. 18. For "Mr. Dodd," r. "Mr. Benjamin Dod."

P. 739, l. 26. Mrs. Walkden died at Old Windsor, Dec. 3, 1828.

P. 743, l. 7. The account of the Rev. William Holwell is mixed up with some dates and events belonging to his son. The Rev. William Holwell was of Christ Church; M.A. 1748; B.D. 1766; Vicar of Thornbury; Prebendary of Exeter; and Chaplain to his Majesty, and a distinguished scholar. His son was of Exeter College, Oxford; M.A. 1784; B.D. 1790; Vicar of Menhinnot 1791; married May 18, 1797, to Lady Charlotte Hay, daughter of the late Earl of Errol. He died March 13, 1798.

P. 753, l. 16 from bottom, for "Churk," r. "Churle."

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P. 28, l. 7, note †. The Syriac line was thus translated by the Rev. Stephen Weston, "God of exalted glory, defend thee from the misery of death!"

P. 33, l. 1. See a good History of Literary Journals in "The Journal of Science," &c., by Mr. S. Parkes, published by Murray, Nos. XXV. and XXVI.

P. 34, note, l. 6 from bottom, and p. 38, l. 5. "The English Mercurie, 1588." This is one of the most extraordinary deceptions ever known. It seems to have been written by the second Earl of Hardwicke, then a young man, aged 21, with the knowledge of his brother Charles, and probably of Dr. Birch. What was the object it is not easy to settle. It seems never to have been

brought forward to deceive the public. A copy of it was deposited in the British Museum, and was considered a genuine newspaper. It was trumpeted forth as a great discovery by Mr. George Chalmers (see vol. IV. p. 34); Mr. Nichols unfortunately admitted it into his list of newspapers; and even the acute Mr. D'Israeli fell into the same error. The first discoverer of the mistake was Mr. Thomas Watts, of the British Museum, in his letter to Mr. Panizzi. See an able review of this pamphlet in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for June 1840, p. 61. But, the error creeping into fresh circulation, Mr. Watts addressed a letter to the *Gentleman's Magazine* for May 1850, with many interesting particulars of the discovery of the forgery; and also some satisfactory account of the origin of newspapers.

P. 37, l. 6 from bottom. George *Chalmers*, Esq. F.R.S. and F.S.A. Chief Clerk of the office of the Board of Trade and Plantations, died May 31, 1825, at his house in James-street, Buckingham-gate, aged 82. He was a native of Scotland, and was educated at King's College, Aberdeen, principally under Dr. Reid. He afterwards removed to Edinburgh, and studied law, which he practised in America, until the Colonies declared themselves independent. Soon after his return to England, his extensive knowledge of commerce and colonial relations introduced him to a connexion with the Board of Trade. As an author, Mr. Chalmers's range of publications was very extensive. See a list and account of Mr. Chalmers's works in *Gent. Mag.* for 1825, ii. 564.

The following character, by Mr. John Taylor, appeared in the *Sun* newspaper:—

"Government has lost a zealous, intelligent, and most useful servant in this gentleman. He was always alive to the interests of the country, and suffered no subject of national importance to pass without due observation, and the full exertion of his endeavours to render it intelligible to the world at large. Commerce, Manufactures, the Bullion Question, &c. &c. were rendered easy of comprehension by his clear and strenuous elucidations. He seemed to have been born with an indefatigable zeal for the interests of mankind, but more particularly for those of the British Empire. He passed much of the earlier part of his life in America, and was thoroughly conversant with those principles which were best calculated to promote the interest of that country, and to secure harmony between it and the parent state. His disposition was social and cheerful, but his mind was always vigilantly directed towards the advantage of the community. His political principles were soundly constitutional. Scotland, of which he was a native, has lost in Mr. Chalmers a great and active friend, anxious to do honour to her on all occasions. His "*Caledonia*," of which three large quarto volumes have been published, contains the most valuable information respecting that country, and a fourth, which was nearly ready for the press, would have completed that extraordinary proof of elaborate research and unmitigable ardour in pursuit of knowledge. He had prepared materials for a Life of his

countryman Thomson the Poet, which would have contained much novel and interesting information respecting the history of the author of those "Seasons," which will live as long as the earth. Mr. Chalmers, in person, was tall, stout, and manly, so nearly resembling the late Lord Melville that they were often taken for each other. The writer of this humble tribute to his memory had the pleasure of passing a few hours with him a very few days before his death, and never found him in better spirits, or more likely, for a long time, notwithstanding his advanced age, to spare his friends the regret of losing so valuable a member of society."

An excellent portrait of this eminent author, engraved by R. Cooper, from a drawing by H. Edridge, was published in Cadell and Davies's British Gallery.

P. 38, note, l. 8, read thus: "It was originally compiled by Mr. Jansen, a Frisian; was written in Latin, and was printed in 8vo. in 1598," omitting the end of the sentence. L. 6 to 2 from bottom, omit the sentence beginning, "Thus, even," &c. and ending with, "Great Britain."

P. 39, l. 26, add, Paris Gazette. Recueil des Gazettes Nouvelles, et Relations de toute l'Année 1633. Par Theophrasto Ranaudot. Paris, 1634. 532 pages.

The same for the year 1634. Paris, 1635. 556 pages.

The same for 1643. 1016 pages.

The same for 1644. 1064 pages. This volume is dedicated to Cardinal Mazarin. In the "Estat General des Affaires," at the commencement of the volume, France is compared to the sun among the planets and stars of the firmament.

The same for 1645. 1218 pages.

[These Paris Gazettes contain very many curious articles relative to the Civil Wars of England.]

P. 39, l. 3 from bottom, instead of this line, r. The Diurnall Occurrences, or Dayly Proceedings of both Houses of Parliament, in this *Great* and *Happy* Parliament, from 3d Nov. 1640, to 3d Nov. 1641. With Continuation of all the Speeches from June last to 3rd Nov. 1641. 4to. 429 pages.

The Heads of a Conference, delivered by Mr. Pymm, at a Committee of both Houses, June 24, 1641. 6 pages.

A Convocation Speech, by Mr. Thomas Warmstry, one of the Clerks for the Diocese of Worcester: against Images, Altars, Crosses, the New Canons, and the Oaths, &c. London, 1641. 22 pages.

P. 41, note, l. 1, r. "Marchamont."

P. 43. Enlarge the account of the papers thus from copies in my possession:

Mercurius Aulicus; communicating the Intelligence and Affaires of the Court to the rest of the Kingdome, from March 30, 1644, to Sept. 6, 1708. Pages 903 to 1736.

Mercurius Academicus, a weekly paper. Printed at Oxford, from Dec. 15 to March 14, 1645. Fourteen weekly papers published on Saturdays.

P. 92, add: The Newcastle Weekly Courant, No. 162, July 27, 1723, to No. 212, July 11, 1724.

This paper was first began in 1720. The price was three halfpence.

P. 95, l. 3 from bottom, The Daily Advertiser, No. I. Feb. 3, 1730-31. Printed by M[atthew] Jenour. See vol. I. p. 290; vol. VII. Index, 197.

P. 96. Add to the list of periodical publications :

The Public Advertiser, Dec. 1, 1752.

The Selector, No. V. Nov. 13, 1776.

The Tomahawk, or Censor General, No. I. Oct. 27, 1795, continued to March 1, 1796, 113 numbers, folio.

P. 97, l. 3. The Idler first appeared in Payne's Universal Chronicle, April 15, 1758.

Ibid. l. 7 from bottom, The Looker-On was by William Roberts, M.A. Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

Ibid. l. 6. The Schemer, 1760, was by James Ridley, son of Dr. Gloster Ridley, and was originally printed in the London Chronicle.

Ibid. l. *penult.* The Projector was by Alexander Chalmers, Esq. It first appeared in the Gentleman's Magazine.

Ibid. l. *ult.* The Censura Literaria was chiefly written by Sir Egerton Brydges, Thomas Park, Esq., and Joseph Haslewood, Esq. Ended in 10 vols. 8vo.

The list of Periodical Publications is continued in vol. VIII. p. 495; and vol. IX. p. 710.

P. 191, l. 2, for "Joannis," r. "Georgii."

P. 194, l. *ult.* for * r. ‡.

P. 200, l. 19. Gabriel Hanger was afterwards Lord Coleraine. See Index, vol. VII. pp. 89, 539.

P. 226, n. l. 5 from bottom, for "iii." r. "viii."

P. 247, l. 4 from bottom, r. "These principles of many of the Members," &c.

P. 247, n. l. 4. Dr. Gower published "A Sermon preached before the King at Christmas, 1684, from Gen. iii. 21, 22. 1685;" and "A Discourse delivered in Two Sermons in the Cathedral of Ely in September, 1684, from 2 Kings, ii. 11, 12. Cambridge, 1685."

P. 264, l. 14. Mr. Thomas was vicar of St. Martin's, Leicester, from 1685 to 1713.

P. 269, l. 20, for "Davis," r. "Davies."

P. 297, n. l. 10. After "Bowyer," add, "dated June 22, 1769."

P. 313, n. l. 12 from bottom. The "living ornament of literature" was James Bindley, Esq.

P. 347, l. 12, for "Madden," r. "Madan."

P. 392, l. 10 from bottom, r. "Admiral John Holloway."

P. 393, l. 1, r. "Admiral Thomas Macnamara Russell's flag."

P. 399, l. 16, r. "Panvinus Onuphrius's Commentary."

P. 425, l. 7 from bottom, and p. 428, l. 5 and 11, for "Mitchell," r. "Michell."

P. 444. I have been favoured by my friend the Rev. John Webb, F.S.A., with some extracts from letters of Mr. Bowyer to Thomas Penoyre, Esq. of the Moor, near the Hay, Herefordshire, accompanied by the following account of him. The letters illustrate the manners of the time, particularly those of the country-squire of the eighteenth century.

"Thomas Penoyre was a fellow-collegian of Mr. Bowyer, at St. John's, Cambridge, where they contracted an early friendship, which was renewed in after-life, and lasted till Mr. Bowyer's death. A letter to Mr. Bowyer, characteristic of Mr. Penoyre's pleasantry and philanthropy, is printed in Lit. Anecd. IV. p. 444.

"Mr. Penoyre died March 16, 1783, aged 89, without issue, and was succeeded in the estate of the Moor by Thomas Stallard, Esq. of Leadenhall-street, London, and Streatham, co. Surrey; the eldest son of his sister Anne, who married a Stallard, of the Lower Hill, near Leominster. This Thomas Stallard, on succeeding to the property, took the name of Penoyre. Both of them were sheriffs of Herefordshire in their day. On the death of Thomas Stallard Penoyre, he was succeeded in the property by his brother Edmund. This is he to whom Mr. Bowyer left a legacy: his letter to Mr. Nichols is printed in Lit. Anecd. III. p. 282; in which he mentions his brother, and his uncle, with whom he resided at the time of the death of the latter; and he continued at the Moor till his own decease. Edmund was my kind godfather, and I spent many happy days under his roof. I have often heard him speak of Mr. Bowyer, and of the friendship existing between that accomplished scholar and critic and his uncle; and he has related to me many anecdotes respecting them, particularly the latter, most of which I wish I had not forgotten. He always entertained a high respect for the memory of Mr. Bowyer."—J. WEBB.

"DEAR PE.

"Sept. 23, 1736.

"Tho' I have nothing to say, but that I have executed all your commissions, yet I would not you should want the satisfaction of knowing it. I have receiv'd of Mr. Dodmead forty-one pounds, thirteen shillings, and two-pence. And have p^d to Mr. Paltock fifty pounds. Next week I take another trip to the farm, and make an end of repairs, which fifteen years hence perhaps Tommy* may demolish. If he will then be ruled by me, I would have him sell it, and trust y^e knavery of Southsea Directors rather yⁿ the malice of illiterate peasants. No jobber, say I, is worse yⁿ a plow jobber. All my comfort is that Ben Jonson was once outwitted by a countryman, and complained he was *pricked by a hobnail*, as well as

"Y^r humble servant, †BEN. BOWYER.

* His son, Mr. Thomas Bowyer, to whom Mr. Penoyre was godfather. See Lit. Anec. III. p. 273.

† Ben seems to have been a Christian *nom de guerre*, perhaps jocularly bestowed upon him by his friend, whom he in return styles *Pe*.

"P.S. I will press L——. But he said we should not hear from him again till after Michaelmass. Clover seed I find is a choice thing in our country: Does it grow wild in yours? If it does, pray put some in your pocket when you come to London again."

"To Thos. Penoyre, Esq.,

"at the Moor, near the Hay,

"Free,

"Herefordshire.

"W. Cornewall."

"Dec. 1, 1739.

" I have an epitaph ready for my father, which, when you are disposed to criticism, I will likewise send you.—W. B."

"DEAR PE.

"Dec. 29, 1739.

"I must desire you most sincerely not to kill me with presents as you do. We Londoners are all ready to cry out, *Ohe, jam satis est*; and you may be sure we speak y^e truth, when our hearts are as full as our bellies. Because I once fix'd myself in your house, let not my ghost haunt it ever after. Alas, what hecatombs of hogs, geese, turkeys, &c., are sacrificed to appease it! Methinks I hear y^e different accents of dying animals, while Rees, half relenting in his bloody work, cries out, *Bowyer, Bowyer, te hoc vulnere fixit*. Stop your hand. *Satiata sanguine diræ*.

"I can't approve of your scheme for employing an attorney to write to y^e subscribers.* We have nothing to shew that they did subscribe, for they have the receipts in possession, so that it would be a vapour without fire. I sent a letter to Lewis, but have had no answer, and, notwithstanding your character of him, shall trust him a little warily, when I have. In y^e first place he is upon new projects, wants to buy a little printing house, w^{ch} I believe will not answer, in an honest way, and I have some suspicion he will try y^e other way. He deals with Hodges† upon London Bridge, who is a noted pirate, and, as was said of Alex. *Felix Prædo*. But I love to have as little dealings as may be with any of y^e race. I shall keep y^e . . . till y^e last of all my stock; and then I will write a puffing sheet to shew their advantage. As yet, I have no leisure.

"Mr. Wallis is elbow deep in feasting this X^{tmass}, being chose one of y^e quest men. He has been walking in his gown all this day, and seems already to have y^e dignity as well as y^e plenty of an Alderman. Yesterday we took a walk to Low Leyton, and, because I find you are grown a great student, I submit to your criticism y^e specimen of my vanity (I w^d have you think it of my humility) to be put up there. I want franks, and have forgot your directions both to Mr. Cornwall and Mr. Foley.

"I am, y^{rs} sincerely, W. BOWYER."

* Subscribers to the "Welsh Laws." See Lit. Anec. IV. p. 445, note.

† James Hodges, afterwards Sir James; see Lit. Anecd. II. 500; III. 406, 720.

"Puny Tom has a cough, as usual. Tell me if you can't construe y^e inscription,* or if you can't understand it, and then burn it. You shall see I will pay a deference to your judgment. It never was colder yⁿ to-day.

"To T. Pe."

"Dec. 5, 1741.

" I have Mr. Warburton with me at present, y^e hero of the press, as you of y^e field. So stand clear, ye witlings and ye wights."

"DEAR PE.

"Jan. 11, 1745.

"You heretofore bade me write no such melancholy letters as I then troubled you with; and now, because you hear nothing to the contrary, you conclude me full of business. Not enough to keep my 'prentices; and I am proposing to let Nat out to a brother printer. Little prospect of being paid for what I have done or do. Micklewright and Partner, for whom I printed a year since part of a book coming to 15*l*., now want a day of forbearance assigned; which long day seldom brings any thing at last. Not a man will take my printing-house: but, like one besieged, I am looking round to find how to make my escape. We shall meet in White Fryers, I hope, next April or May. I give you warning that I quit at Michaelmas. Where I shall fix next, I know not. I expect wars, bloody wars, in summer. The mortality, I thank God, decreases among the cattle.

"I am, dear Pe., y^{rs} sincerely, W. B."

"I will try the bill once more on Monday."

"June 8, 1745.

" I wish you a good journey up. Mr. Clarke is gone to bathe in y^e sea, and Mr. Markland with him, to count y^e waves.† In London we are all breaking. Make haste before it is left desolate."

"DEAR PE.

"July 1, 1749.

"I am just returned from my two philosophical friends in Sussex, who let themselves down somewhat to my infirmities, purely that I may not be too much ashamed of them. Mr. Clarke complains that he grows more fretful for want of spirits, and can be almost angry, where before he could laugh. This it seems is the condition of mortality."

"DEAR PE.

"Dec. 5, 1749.

"I am surprised I have not had the pleasure of hearing of your safe arrival in the country. Sure no more colics; no adventures to retard you. If all is well, pray strike out my MS. notes I wrote on the epitaph, my exceptions against *propugno*. I find it us'd so without any case after it. 2dly, strike out the query to *Testi-*

* Mr. Bowyer thus early had purchased his tombstone, and was preparing his epitaph, to be placed at Low Leyton; and was submitting it to the criticism of his friends. See Lit. An. IV., p. 442.

† They went to Brighthelmstone. Mr. Markland, in 1745, resided at Uckfield. See Lit. An. IV. 279, 284, 406.

monium. But still I don't like the epitaph. Shall I tell you a secret? There is a world of false Latin and false taste in Oxford. Dr. King's speech* has been much cried up; and yet the whole composition is bad, and several faults in the Latin. However, for the honour of your countryman, I gave Ned Say Sir Watkins's character translated from the speech, w^{ch} will go down in Wales, if no where else. Let me hear you are tranquilly by your fire-side. Ned Jones has this minute called to know if I had heard from you. I know not what his expectations are.

"Y^{rs} sincerely, W. BOWYER."

"It is questioned whether the Govern^t can carry the point for lowering the Funds. Gideon† and some others were not let into the scheme. We have strange rout about the Westminster election, where both candidates are men of such Immer——s as make them no . . . any H . . . —I missed sending yesterday, and am just come home to-day."

"July 18, 1751.

" . . . Who is this Richards that is printing a Welsh Dictionary‡ at Bristol? I have lost money by the Welsh, but thought I sh^d have had a title to have printed all the learning in that language. I hope, however, he will make the Welsh language understood. I want one of the proposals, and to know how to get at him."

"DEAR PE.

"Nov. 16, 1751.

"I received a letter yesterday from Mr. Thomas Richards, of Coychurch, the author of a Welsh vocabulary or dictionary, who tells me many want the "Welsh Laws," but know not where to apply for it. I design therefore to be a more significant man yⁿ you in your own country; only let me know the several newspapers w^{ch} work thro' that unconquerable principality. Adams, of Chester, thro' North-Wales I write to this night, and to —— of Bristol. You have slept over that great and glorious work. You may deal in horses; but I throw you out from being a bookseller. This you will say is ill return for the hare. Mr. Armstrong has sent for his, who is very well, and you will have your health drank by three Cantabs at least to-morrow noon, among whom Mr. Markland, who now sits by smoaking philosophically with

"Y^{rs} sincerely, W. BOWYER."

"I am greatly behind-hand (w^{ch} in the style of this house is called *writing horse*) with you and with myself, being troubled

* The speech of Dr. William King, Principal of St. Mary Hall, on the dedication of Dr. Radcliffe's library; see the Literary Anecdotes, II. p. 223.

† Sir Sampson Gideon, created a Baronet in 1759. His son was created a Peer of Ireland by the title of Lord Eardley in 1789, and died Dec. 25, 1824. See Lit. An. VI. p. 85.

‡ "Antiquæ Linguae Britannicæ Thesaurus; being a British or Welsh-English Dictionary and Grammar," published in 1753, 8vo. Again in 1759, and in 1798, in two vols. 12mo. Of the author, Thomas Richards, of Coychurch, see Lit. An. II. 204.

with a very common complaint, *a wrong head*: but whenever it clears up, and a scripturiency comes upon me, you shall hear more from
 “Y^r most humble Serv^t, JER. MARKLAND.”

“April 10, 1753.

“ A lottery is coming on, w^{ch} makes all the Stock fall: I believe I must job a little. When you come up I would enter you at Jonathan’s,* where your rapidity will have room to exercise itself in bargaining for a 1,000*l*. in a moment. Young Clarke† is chosen Fellow. The Father is attending the Bishop of Chichester‡ at Kensington, who cannot write his name without so able an assistant. I say with Swift, ‘Farewell Bishops, and Vive la bagatelle:’ and yet (excepting the Irish Bishop) they are both in reality the same species.”

“DEAR PE.

“Armstrong is in town; what motive more do you want to bring you thither? My spirits are low just now; and I want your quips, and quidnuncs, your jibes, your banTERS, your reasonings, which may work on a post, for I am no better.

“We are all mad now for the Lottery. I pushed hard for a great number of tickets, by which I should have got 500*l*.; but I was too late, and the throng too great. Cornwall porphyry is coming into fashion in Westminster Abbey. Perhaps you may find more in Wales. Let us know what you plan.

“June 23, 1753.”

“I am, d^r Pe., y^{rs} sincerely, W.B.

“DEAR PE.

“Dec. 22, 1753.

“My wife bids me tell you she sent you some shrub last Fry-day was fortnight; which I desire you w^d enquire after, for fear y^e spirit sh^d evaporate. I go every day to y^e H. of Commons, which has hindered me from waiting on Mr. Cornewall. But now y^e House is adjourned, I will find an opportunity.

“You remember Mr. Burrows, a corrector, who plaid on y^e violin, a Scotchman. From a corrector and usher, he is a top schoolmaster at Newington Green; has the ear of the Princess, and curtesies from her too. He hit off a pamphlet in y^e Rebellion, of w^{ch} 15 or 1,600 sold, and is now writing a book, a plan for education, to be dedicated to the Princess. I have only the honour of printing it. When shall we scheme together for preferment; at least laugh together for the want of it?

“I am, d^r Pe., with best wishes of happiness,

“Y^{rs} sincerely, W. BOWYER.”

(No Date.) “ As to my cares about a man, I open’d them not to Mr. Philips. I keep my best countenance for my guests.

————— “Curis ingentibus æger
 “Spem vultu simulat, premit altum corde dolorem.

* A coffee-house in the City.

† The Rev. Edward Clarke, fellow of St. John’s, Cambridge; of whom see Lit. Anec. vol. II. p. 382—386.

‡ Dr. Mawson, afterwards Bishop of Ely.

"Why did not you bring your fac-totum instead of Harry Whitney? I love to survey phiz's, before I ask a question. But after all my main stick is about a helpmeet of a corrector. Now James* is out of his time, I have nobody can read a Greek proof with me. Middlewright knows nothing of Latin, and less you may be sure of Greek. What then? must I pay him above 50*l*. a year for reading Latin and Greek proofs with myself? I was about to take Hitchen again; but alas, he is tired out, and now thinks of Yorkshire again. You s^d nothing certain of y^e learning of your Coz. If he can make his mark he has almost learning enough for a warehouseman. But has he capacity for higher preferment?"

P. 465. The letters are misdated; the first should be "March 23," the second letter "March 6, 1762," and the letters should be transposed.

P. 472, note, l. 14. The "Archæological Epistle" was by the Rev. G. Mason. See vol. VIII. p. 213, and in this volume, hereafter.

P. 541, note, l. 8 from bottom, for "Twisden," r. "Roger Twysden."

P. 554. The following letter was sent, on the death of Samuel Gale, to Dr. Stukeley:

"DEAR SIR,

Jan. 10, 1754.

"The unwelcome news you have sent me this morning very much afflicts me. I am greatly concerned; and heartily condole with yourself and afflicted lady on the melancholy event. I had not heard that my friend Mr. Gale was in any danger, and fully proposed to have seen him at Hampstead next Sunday. My late friend was a worthy and amiable man, and I had a very great esteem and value for him, and sincerely regret his loss. My wife joins in the common affliction that the death of this valuable man occasions; and presents her compliments to your lady and family, and, wishing you many happy years,

"I remain; dear Sir,

"Your friend and most obedient humble servant,

"To Dr. Stukeley.

AND. DUCAREL."

P. 611, l. 8, for "75th," r. "72nd year."

P. 623, l. 2, for "Dorothy," r. "Deborah."

P. 639, l. 1, for "Winkelman's," r. "Winckelman's."

P. 650, l. 3. John Moore, M.D. (father of Sir John Moore, the gallant general.) He died Feb. 20, 1802. See memoir in Gent. Mag. vol. LXXII. p. 277; and in Chalmers' Dictionary.

P. 658, l. 8, r. a "flat grave-stone;" l. 15, r. "præfuit;" l. 16, r. "amœnitæ;" l. 21, omit comma after "officia."

P. 671, note, l. 8 from bottom, for "LXX. p. 59," r. "LXIX. p. 873;" l. 5 from bottom, for "Ibid." r. "Gent. Mag."

* James Emonson. See Index, vol. VII. p. 125.

P. 680, note, l. 5 from bottom, for "Dr. Lickerish," r. "Dr. R. Lickorish."

P. 689, l. 4, for "on," r. "of."

P. 700, l. 24. The Archbishop of Canterbury was Dr. Hutton, and the Dean of Exeter was Dr. Lyttelton.

P. 713, l. 8, for "vol. II." r. "vol. VI." Note, l. 3. The portrait was afterwards inserted in this work, vol. IX. p. 189.

P. 719, l. 15 from bottom, for "Dr. Pyle," r. "Mr. Pyle."

P. 721, l. 8 from bottom. The portrait of Mr. Michell and further particulars of him are given in "Literary Illustrations," vol. IV. p. 86.

P. 727, l. 17 from bottom, for "by his old friend," &c. r. "by Philip Thicknesse, the brother of his old friend," &c.

Ibid. l. 35. The story of Dr. Battie and Mr. Ralph Thicknesse was written by Mr. Philip Thicknesse, brother of Ralph.

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P. iii. before last line insert :

Joshua Blew, Esq. 698

John Booth, Esq. 698

P. 2, l. 13, for "Rev. Mr. Holyock," r. "Rev. Henry Holyoke."

P. 5, l. 12, from "The Gentleman's Magazine." As Mr. Cave's merit in originating the *Magazine* has been controverted by Mr. T. Watts, in his Letter to Mr. Panizzi in 1840, it may be allowable to quote the answer to that part of his pamphlet, which appeared in a review of it in the Gentleman's Magazine for Jan. 1840, by its late editor :

"We cannot agree with Mr. Watts, that the Gentleman's Magazine should be said to '*unaccountably* pass for the first publication of that description,' when it certainly was the first published with the title of MAGAZINE, and it *was* the first publication of the kind,*—that is to say, it was Edward Cave's original idea to give in one monthly pamphlet the spirit of the whole periodical press of the month. That there had been previous miscellanies is very true, as the Athenian Journal of John Dunton, and many more; and it is also true that the Gentleman's Journal of Motteux 'resembled much more closely our modern magazines,' and for that very reason it was not what the Gentleman's Magazine originally was, and what, in its Historical Chronicle and Obituary, it continues to be,—an epitome of the history of the times. In this respect the older miscellanies and the modern magazines alike fail to fulfil its useful plan. Mr. Watts is not the first to remark, that the *Gentleman's Journal* was the work from which Cave undoubtedly derived a part of his title. He copied the type in which those words were printed; and also copied, in a reduced

* Dr. Samuel Johnson, who well knew all the circumstances, says, in his memoir of Cave (written in 1754), that "though he had for several years talked of his plan among printers and booksellers, *none of them thought it worth the trial.*"

size, the woodcut device of a hand holding a bouquet of flowers, and he took Motteux's motto, *E PLURIBUS UNUM*, for one of his; but he was the first to whom it occurred, in the words of his Introduction, '*to treasure up as in a Magazine, the most remarkable pieces,*' which appeared in '*no less than 200 half-sheets per month,*' which were then '*thrown from the press only in London, and about as many printed elsewhere in the three kingdoms;*' the titles of which he then gave, and which continued to be given to a comparatively recent period, on the title-page of the Magazine." The early history of the Gentleman's Magazine has since been more fully developed in "The Autobiography of Sylvanus Urban."

P. 10, l. 10, for "1736," r. "1735."

P. 33, note ‡, l. 1, "perhaps." See the "Essence of Malone," by Mr. George Hardinge; where the *perhapses* of Mr. Malone are turned into ridicule.

P. 34, note ‡, for "49," r. "50."

P. 35, the original of Mr. Cave's verses was in the Library at Stowe, in 1839.

P. 36, l. 3, for "the," r. "your;" and l. 5, for "good," r. "gout."

P. 41, note *, for "1736," r. "1735," and for vol. "VI." r. "V." Note ‡, insert "vol. VII."

P. 70, l. 17, Mr. S—— is Mr. Elkanah Settle.

P. 74, l. 3 from bottom, for "three," r. "several."

P. 80, first note *. The subjects here noticed were five out of thirty-five projects which Dunton promised to give in his second volume of *Athenianism*, which probably was never published.

P. 83, for "WILD," r. "WILDE."

P. 107, l. 20, r. "Crewe."

P. 110, note ‡, line 4 from bottom, for "*Mr. William Baker,*" r. "*Dr. William Bedford,*" and dele the remainder of note after "*Cambridge.*"

P. 129, note, l. 25, for "Seller's," r. "Sellers's."

P. 166, note, for "read," r. "received."

P. 166, note ‡. There are a few repetitions in this note, when compared with the subsequent pages 546, 547, 548, and 578.

P. 175, l. ult., after "ruined me," add, "This, in short, is the present state of your unfortunate friend, and obliged servant, WM. WEBSTER. Wednesday, Oct. [1741.]"

P. 193, l. 23, r. "Deliciæ."

P. 233, l. 10, r. "1703."

P. 251, note, l. 21, r. "T. Longman and W. Johnston."

P. 254, note, l. ult. r. "Briggs."

P. 289. The heading should be "DR. THOMAS BIRCH."

P. 308, note *, l. 3 from bottom. Mr. Robert Sheils died Dec. 27, 1753. See *Gent. Mag.* 1753, p. 590.

P. 312, line 8 from bottom, r. "Robert Edward, the ninth Lord Petre."

P. 314, l. 5, r. "Reeve."

P. 316, note §, for "B.D." r. "M.A."

P. 342, l. 5, r. "were."

P. 344, l. 23, r. "Knoll."

P. 345, l. 10, r. "Earl;" note ‡, l. 8, r. "rights;" l. 16, for "Nicholas," r. "Mr. Nicholas Hardinge;" l. 18, for "George," r. "Thomas Wakefield;" dele "who died in 1776," and read thus, "curate of Richmond, from 1776 till his death, which happened Nov. 26, 1806, in his 55th year."

P. 346, note *, l. 1, for "respectable father," r. "to his uncle Mr. Justice Hardinge, who had adopted him as a son."

P. 375. A most interesting piece of biography (quite a family picture) of Capt. Wm. Locker, was written by his son Edward Hawke Locker, and will be found in his "Naval Gallery of Portraits," 1832. It is also copied in the Gent. Magazine for 1832, i. 611—613.

The eldest son of Capt. Locker, Major W. Locker, died at Norwood, April 18, 1843, aged 70.

His third and youngest son, *Edward Hawke Locker*, Esq. died Oct. 16, 1849, at Iver, Bucks, aged 72. Mr. E. H. Locker was born at East Malling, Kent, on the 9th October, 1777. He was educated at Eton, which he left in 1795, and received an appointment in the Navy Pay Office. He remained in Government offices until 1800, when he went to India as private secretary to Lord Exmouth. From that time till the peace of 1814 he was associated with that distinguished commander in arduous and confidential duties, especially as Secretary to the Mediterranean Fleet, duties which he discharged with eminent ability. In his official capacity he visited Napoleon at Elba, in May 1814, of which visit he published an interesting narrative after the death of the ex-emperor. In 1815 Mr. Locker married the daughter of an eminent antiquary and philologist, the Rev. Jonathan Boucher, the author of that admirable "Provincial Glossary" the publication of which from the posthumous MS. commenced in 1832, under the joint editorship of the Rev. Joseph Hunter, F.S.A. and Joseph Stevenson, esq. but which has not been continued beyond the letter B. Mr. Locker resided at Windsor from 1815 to 1819, when he was appointed Secretary to Greenwich Hospital. During his residence at Windsor he projected and edited, in concert with Mr. C. Knight, almost the first—if not the very first of any literary pretension—of those cheap and popular miscellanies which the growing ability of the great bulk of the people to read imperatively demanded in the place of mischievous or childish tracts. Some very eminent friends of sound education, such as Dr. Howley, afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury, were among its contributors. Mr. Locker's own papers in that miscellany are excellent models of popular writing, —plain, energetic, affectionate. His "Lectures on the Bible and Liturgy," which have been reprinted in a separate volume, were delivered to the crew of the Caledonia, Lord Exmouth's flag-ship, and are admirable examples of clear exposition and earnest exhortation. Mr. Locker, after filling for several years the important

duties of Secretary to Greenwich Hospital, became the Resident Civil Commissioner of that great institution. The improvements which he introduced into its management were results of his active and comprehensive mind. Of these improvements the Naval Schools are striking instances. Himself an accomplished draughtsman and an ardent lover of the arts, he founded the Naval Gallery at Greenwich by his judicious exertions, and he edited a series of engravings of naval portraits, accompanied by memoirs, under the title of "Memoirs of celebrated Naval Commanders, illustrated by Engravings from original Pictures in the Naval Gallery of Greenwich Hospital." Large 8vo. 1832. In 1844, Mr. Locker's health so failed that he gave up his valuable appointment, and retired upon a small pension—his fine faculties over-clouded beyond the hope of recovery. Mr. Locker was the intimate friend of many distinguished men. To use Mr. Lockhart's expression, he was "an old and dear friend of Scott's." With Southey he stood in the same relation. His ability was eminently practical—his energy was untiring. His zeal for all good objects, and especially for the advancement of education, was founded upon a deep and earnest piety, exhibiting itself in the most unostentatious benevolence—in that regulated industry which does so much more than mere alms-giving—in the tolerance of other opinions without compromising his own—in the habitual cheerfulness of a tranquil and hopeful spirit. Mr. E. H. Locker married his eldest daughter, Ellen, to Capt. Main Dolbie, April 7, 1843; and on the 18th August, 1845, lost his second son, Henry Algernon Locker, of the Madras Native Infantry, who died at Trichinopoly, aged 20.

P. 404, l. ult. r. Edward Rowe Mores, esq. died April 15, 1846.

P. 413, note, l. 5 and 32, r. "Rhunkenius."

P. 420, note *, for "The," r. "Dr. Richard Laughton, the," &c. He was B.A. 1684, M.A. 1691.

P. 433, note, l. 17, r. "Pascal."

P. 452, l. 2 from bottom, for "golden coins," r. "Saxon gold coins."

P. 469, l. 12 from bottom, r. "Hodsoll," and l. 2 from bottom, for "were," r. "was."

P. 502, note, l. 3 from bottom, r. "Dr. Stukeley had the offer of the vicarage of Holbeche."

P. 535, note, l. 15, r. "Young."

P. 552, sub-note. Jacob Robinson, bookseller, near the Temple-gate, Fleet-street, died 1739.

P. 578, note, l. 1, r. "In a letter dated Sept. 16, 1738;" l. 14, for "Whitefield," r. "Webster."

Ibid. note, l. 10, for "dyed," r. "dried."

P. 587, last line, add, "which was printed, with additional notes, in 1749."

P. 588, note, l. 2, for "1748," r. "1729."

P. 594, l. 12. This sermon had been originally published in 1788. See p. 547.

P. 599, l. 2, add note on "works." See Warburton's Works, vol. XII. pp. 405, 416.

P. 600, l. 8, r. "abusive pamphlet by Colley Cibber."

P. 601, note, l. 4 from bottom, for "1752-3," r. "1751-2."

P. 602. Bishop Warburton wrote the following letter, but the address has unfortunately not been preserved.

"DEAR SIR, "P[rior] P[ark], Jan. 11, 1751-2.

"I have the favour of yours without date. I have not seen the pamphlet you mention, written against my "Julian," nor shall I ever read a line of it. Every clergyman, not to say every believer, is equally concerned with me about the truth of that miracle. It is the common cause, in which I have performed my share. Besides, I have been long in the humour to abjure all controversy. Whatever I write hereafter will be delivered freely, explained as clearly, and inferred as strongly as I am able. If any one can overthrow it he hath my leave, and if any one will support it he hath my thanks; but to trouble myself further about the matter is more, I think, than I owe to the public—is more, I am sure, than I owe either to truth or myselfe.

"'Amelia,' in my opinion, is neither equal to 'Tom Jones' nor to 'Joseph Andrews,' but is much better than anything in this sort of writing from any other of our countrymen.

"'The Essay on Spirit' is written by Clayton, Bishop of Clogher.* In an English Bishop it would have been called heresy; but in an Irish I suppose it will pass for a blunder. It is in three parts: the middle only is properly his own, the first being little better than an extract from Locke, and the last from Clarke. He is of the grosser sort of Arians. He holds the Holy Ghost to be Gabriel, and Jesus to be Michael, in defiance of the Apostle, who says, "he took not on himself the nature of angels." I apprehend that the Bishop (who published it against the advice of his friends) thought it would make a noise, but he is mistaken; the world seems disposed to overlook and forget it, unless some answer call back their attention.

"The Epigram is a pretty one. I shall always be glad to see anything that has your approbation.

"One Harris, a gentleman of fortune in Wiltshire, has published a kind of Universal Philosophical Grammar, under the title of 'Hermes.' It has many good things in it, though not comparable to the 'Gram. Generale et Raisonnée' of Port Royal. He is such an idolizer of the ancients, that he is right or wrong as they lead the way.

"Byrom, of Manchester, a fine genius but fanatical even to madness, has published a poetical 'Epistle on Enthusiasm,' in which he has plentifully abused Middleton and me; he is too

* "It was the production of a young clergyman in Ireland, who was afraid to publish it himself, and the Bishop, with more zeal than honesty or prudence, fathered the spurious hantling."—Edit. of the New Monthly Mag. in which this letter was first printed.

devout to cultivate poetry, otherwise he could have excelled in it. He has hit the true epistolary style. There are many fine strokes, many obscurities, and many negligencies in it.

"I am, dear Sir,

"Your very faithful and affectionate humble servant,

"W. WARBURTON."

P. 603, l. 9, after "sermons," add, "XVII. in number."

P. 621, after line 3, add, A letter of Bp. Warburton, dated from Prior-park, in July, 1763, was disposed of by Mr. Evans, of Pall-mall, at the sale of Mr. Boaden's library, Dec. 1827. It contains the following sarcastic allusion to the *Letters of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu*, then recently published; and particulars relative to the Clarendon Papers, and the light they throw on the Revolution and infatuation of James II.:—"I suppose you have read Lady Mary Wortley Montagu's Letters with great eagerness, and laid them aside with as much contempt. I suppose they are genuine even from their very insignificance. There is another collection of Letters just published, and though written by a wit (but a good harmless man) will please you more, as they give considerable light to the intrigues of the Revolution. They are of the second Lord Clarendon, while Lieutenant of Ireland. We see by them more of King James's desperate infatuation than we knew before. The letters are accompanied with a Diary of his Lordship, for the Revolution year, and the year preceding and following. By this we find that suspicions of the legitimacy of the Prince of Wales's birth (which I knew to be at that time almost universal, but thought they were confined to the populace,) were entertained by the Princess of Denmark, with extraordinary circumstances of contempt. On that occasion, another passage in the Diary is so characteristic of the men, that you, who love to see human nature well represented, will not be displeased with it. Soon after Lord Clarendon came to the Prince of Orange in the West, the deputation of the three lords (one of which the Earl of Halifax, Saville) from the King arrived, of whom Lord Clarendon acquainted the Prince, and withal that Lord Halifax inquired for Dr. Burnet, then in the Prince's retinue. 'So!' replied his Highness, 'there will be fine prating when these two men meet. Burnet shall not go to him.' How natural was it for the most silentious man of his age to be jealous of mischief from the two most loquacious and the most projecting at so critical a juncture!" This letter was purchased by Mr. Molteno, the print-seller, for £3 13s. 6d.

P. 629. The following letter is copied from Bishop Warburton's own writing. The address is wanting. It came from Rev. B. Forster, of Boconnoc, to whom it was probably written. The impression of his seal, spoken of in the letter, has not been preserved.

"DEAR SIR,

"Prior Park, Nov. 9th, 1768.

"I have your favour of the 16th of August last to acknowledge.

“ Since then we have lost our Metropolitan,* and Government has taken an effectual method of making his loss regretted. I congratulated his successor,† and I had an answer in the usual cant “ of feeling himself unequal to so high and difficult a station, but that his dependence is in the advice and assistance of me and my brethren,” &c. I shall try whether he means anything, for when I see him I shall recommend you to him. As to your Bishop,‡ he is on his good behaviour ; if he treats you as he ought, and as he promised, I am his friend ; if he does not, I am his humble servant.

“ I am above asking a Minister for anything for my-selfe ; and, therefore, may ask for a learned friend, and do, even in cases where fashion and false honour make men excusable for declining their services. Our friend, Mr. Thomas Warton, put himself amongst the candidates for the Professorship of Modern Languages in Oxford, and desired I would recommend him to the Duke of Grafton, the Minister, who disposed of it. I wrote him word I was totally a stranger to the Duke except by sight ; but that was not the worst ; I had voted against all his measures, and *protested* against them besides. However, now I told him the case, if he thought my interposition would be of any use, he should have it. He desired he might, for that the only thing he wanted of me was to inform the Duke of his character ; and he thought this could be done by none so well. He had other friends to push other parts of his recommendation. I wrote to his Grace, and received a very courtly obliging answer, that the thing was disposed of, and by what interest, to one *Vivian* ;§—perhaps by some borough interest in Cornwall. But the thing which did not displease me in his letter was, that the King was resolved that this professorship should no longer be a *sinecure*, and that *Vivian* was to give security to the Vice-Chancellor that he would read lectures regularly, &c. I ask your pardon for this long story. My supreme pleasure would be to befriend men of superior merit, but the Principalities and Powers of this world are jealous of such intermeddling instruments. However, a good intention is never quite void of a good effect. It may be some kind of consolation to disappointed merit that it is not injured without notice taken, and that when blockheads are in full confederacy against it, men of parts appear with a disposition to support one another. Indeed it would be sad if they did not, while the malice of dunces is immortal, and, however distant in time and place, yet, from want of invention, so identically the same, that one would swear they all stole from a common fund. Erasmus had a seal on which the God Terminus was engraved, with this motto, *nulli secundus*. It is inconceivable what storms of abuse this innocent circumstance

* Dr. Secker.

† Dr. Cornwallis, translated from Lichfield and Coventry.

‡ The Hon. Frederick Keppel.

§ John Vivian, M.A. Fellow of Balliol. He held the Professorship from 1768 to 1771.

occasioned. It so affected him that he published an apology for his seal. A dunce of these times has been as witty on the seal that closes this letter. But I never thought of writing an apology. In Erasmus's days calumniators were made capable of shame. In ours every one has a *sevenfold face*, which shame can never penetrate.

"I am, my dear Sir,
"Your very faithfull and affectionate Servant,
"W. GLOUCESTER."

P. 630, note §, l. 4, the "friend" was Mr. Archdeacon Churton.

P. 646-650. The letters of Bishop Warburton, beginning with "The Discourse," and ending with "men of wit," here printed, were addressed, not to Dr. Birch, but to a very eminent scholar, probably Bishop Hurd. See Preface to vol. VII. of this work, p. 492.

P. 682, l. 12. The First Volume of Strutt's *Manners, Customs, Arms, Habits,* &c. was translated into French under the following title, "*Angleterre Ancienne, ou Tableau des Mœurs, Usages, Armes, Habillemens, &c. des anciens Habitans de l'Angleterre, c'est a dire, des anciens Bretons, des Anglo-Saxons, des Danois, et des Normands. Ouvrage traduit de l'Anglois, de M. Joseph Strutt, par M. B***, et pouvant servir de suite aux Recueils de Montfaucon et de Caylus. Paris, 1789.*" 2 tom. 4to. 67 Plates.

P. 698, l. 6, for "290," r. "291."

P. 697, l. 32, "for Webster, r. Whitfield." "Webster" was probably right. See Letter to Des Maizeaux, 1738, in Birch's MSS.

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P. 13, l. ult. Of the state of the Gentlemen's Society at Spalding, in 1786, see the Gentleman's Mag. for that year, p. 560.

P. 24. Additional Notices of the Johnson Family, by Mr. Gough:—

Walter Johnson died Nov. 16, 1692, and was buried at Spalding church with his two wives, Agnes, daughter of William Wisbeard, 8 Aug. 1658, and Catharine, daughter of William Downe, esq. died 17 Nov. 1697. From M. Johnson's Notes in Peck's Stamford.

P. 24, l. 7. Mr. Henry Johnson died at Berkhamstead, Feb. 12, 1760.

P. 25, line 2. A Portrait of Sir Thomas Gresham, by J. Hilliard, on a small panel.

Ibid. l. 6. John Johnson]. Mr. Gough had a letter from him to Dr. Ducarel, July 20, 1757, announcing the doctor's election as a member of the Gentlemen's Society. It is dated from his brother's house at Spalding.

Ibid. l. 23, add, Col. Maurice Johnson died Dec. 4, 1793, aged 80, leaving one son, Maurice, of St. John's-college, Cambridge, D.D. 1794, Vicar of Moulton and Minister of Spalding. His wife died in 1757. See his brother's letter to Dr. Ducarel.

Ibid l. 24. A Picture of Walter and Maurice Johnson, by Hiel.

Ibid. l. 3 from bottom, a picture of Martin Johnson, painted by Fragley, Oxford.

Ibid. note †. Prebendary of Lincoln, Vicar of Calthorp, Aug. 1785, D.D. 1796. He married, daughter of Everard Buckworth, by whom he had a daughter.

P. 26, l. 12, *Jane Johnson* and *Dr. Green.*] There is a miniature of her by R. Collins; a picture of the doctor by Hill.

Ibid. l. 16. *Mr. Lodge.*] Mr. John Lodge died at Stanton, co. Durham, Jan. 28, 1795, aged 80.

Ibid. l. 19, "Anne-Alethea" Johnson.] She re-married Francis Pilliod. There is a portrait of her by Gemelli.

Ibid. l. 21. Mr. Stuart.] Q. The Rev ? whose son shot himself in 1794, on a disappointment in marriage.

P. 27, l. 1. Walter Johnson] was chaplain to the Duke of Buccleuch, lord of Spalding, lecturer and librarian there, curate of Gedney, and vicar of Leek, co. Stafford.

Ibid. l. 6. Rev. *George Johnson.*] Bishop Thurlow had a particular esteem for him. He died about 1786. On his decease, his books were bought by a bookseller at Darlington.

P. 27. Maurice Johnson, Alderman of Stamford, 1539, was a gentleman born, a merchant of the wool-staple by profession; and his picture, painted by Holbein, is at Ayscough-fee-hall, having the ribband of the Bath round his neck.

David Cecil and M. Johnson represented Stamford in the Parliament at London, 14 Henry VIII.

Maurice Johnson was deputy of John Lord Exeter as recorder of Stamford.

P. 67, l. 10, omit reference to note after "Brittain."

P. 71, l. 22, r. "Brittain."

P. 73, l. 6, r. "Henry Kirke." Note §, add, See p. 93.

P. 76, note †. Sir Joseph Ayloffe died 1781. See Index, vol. VII. pp. 16, 506.

Ibid. The reference § should be on the first Everard Buckworth.

P. 76, l. *penuit*. "Thomas Burton, of Broadgate Bar, Boston."

P. 81, l. 4, omit "Emanuel Mendez da Costa, merchant."

P. 82, note †, l. 5 from bottom, of Dr. Wm. Dodd, see Index, vol. VII. pp. 172, 552; also Index to Literary Illustrations, vol. VIII. p. 32.

P. 89. The last note on General Hunter is accidentally repeated from vol. I. pp. 339-40.

P. 92, lines 8 and 10. Maurice Johnson and Capt. Johnson are the same person. See before, p. 25.

P. 103, note, l. *ult.* r. "Rentone."

P. 107, note, l. 13 from bottom, The Rev. Dr. Samuel Pegge, in a letter to Mr. Nichols, remarks, "I will give you an instance or two of the absence of Mr. Ray's mind. He had written a recipe for making punch in his sermon, and, as was said, read it half through to the congregation before he perceived his mistake. He met me once at Rochester, and being much wearied with his journey, I undertook to go and see his horse fed; but he could give me no other description of him than, 'that he had a saddle on;' and I was forced to find him out as well as I could by means of the ostler."

Ibid. note, l. 25, for "1784," r. "1780."

P. 112, note, l. 6, after "says," add "Dec. 1780."

P. 119, note §, after VIII. add "p. 344."

P. 120, l. 14, for "1761," r. "1749."

Ibid. note §, after IV. add, "p. 186."

P. 123, l. 5, for "is," r. "are."

Ibid. l. 7. Rev. Robert Uvedale, D.D. son of Dr. Robert Uvedale, of Enfield, who died 1731 (see Chalmers's Dictionary and Robinson's History of Enfield), was born at Enfield, Nov. 22, 1728; B.A. 1752, M.A. 1755, S.T.P. 1772. He was rector of Langton juxta Partney, and vicar of Swineshead, co. Lincoln. His scholastic attainments were considerable. He married Diana, second daughter of Bennet Langton, Esq. by whom he had two sons: the Rev. Robert Uvedale and Rev. Washbourne Uvedale, both of Trinity College, Cambridge; and three daughters. He died in 1799 (see Gent. Mag. 1799, pp. 999, 1186.)

The Rev. Robert Uvedale, M.A. the eldest son of the Rev. Dr. Uvedale, was also educated at Trinity College. He published "An Examination of Bp. Lowth's Objections to the Account given in Leland's Itinerary, of the Parentage and Education of William of Wykeham," 1801, 8vo. His application to the Hebrew language, and list of his writings thereon, may be seen in Gent. Mag. 1794, 465; his account of his family, Gent. Mag. for 1794, 1172; for 1795, 302; for 1799, 1186. Further particulars of his writings may be seen in Hutchins's History of Dorset, 2d ed. 1804, vol. ii. p. 505; to which work he communicated a Pedigree and Memoirs of his ancient and learned family.

P. 126, note, l. 19, for "1779," r. "1774."

P. 134, note, l. 5, add, "The Rev. C. Neve died July 29, 1828." See Gent. Mag. 1828, ii. 474.

P. 135, note, l. *ult.* Who was the writer who signed R. D.?

P. 138, l. 15, r. "Beale."

P. 149, note, l. 2, after 254, add "pp. 712, 713."

P. 153, note, l. 8, for "Montjoy," r. Mountjoy."

P. 182, note, l. 7, for "1625," r. 1725."

P. 182, l. 6, from bottom, add note, on "A. S." This friend was the Rev. Thomas Russell, of Trinity-college, Oxford. He died July 31, 1788.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO VOL. VI. 549

P. 186, l. 4, for "VI." r. "IV." Note, l. 25, r. "he was patron."

P. 191, note, l. 2, for "1774," r. "1776;" l. 13, r. "Charles Nalson Cole."

P. 195, note, l. 4 from bottom, Dr. Richard Eyre died 1778.

P. 207, note, l. 5, before Miss Talbot, add "

P. 209, n. l. 17, for "1781," r. "1782."

P. 212, l. 7, for "Aug." r. "April."

P. 213, l. 19. See an account of a duel between Dr. Mead and Dr. Woodward, in p. 641.

P. 231, l. 10 from bottom, for "qua," r. "quæ."

P. 237, l. 3, for "Queen's," r. "King's."

P. 241, l. 7. The Rev. Thomas Seward, father of Miss Seward, and rector of Eyam, was presented to Pipa Parva prebend in Lichfield Cathedral, May 16, 1755. He published an edition of Beaumont and Fletcher, and was an ingenious and amiable man. He died March 4, 1790. See an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* for 1790, pp. 280, 368. See also *Index to Lit. Anec.* vol. VII. p. 375; and *Index to Lit. Illustrations*, vol. VIII. p. 98.

P. 259. Samuel Pegge, Esq. amused himself with composing several "Catches and Glee," which he appears to have intended to publish, and inscribed to the nobility and gentry of the Catch Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland, with the following apology:

"These pieces not coming from the hand of a regular professor, may require more than a common excuse in favour of the boldness of the attempt; but it is confessed, that no other can be urged except a little vain presumption that they may not be wholly unacceptable to the world at a time when music of the convivial kind is particularly patronised by amateurs, even of the first rank. To such (with all modest deference to the profession), the author makes appeal, and will be highly flattered if these compositions may give the smallest pleasure, and find a place among the numerous and excellent productions in their collections."

The following is the list of Mr. Pegge's compositions:

"Hush," for four voices, glee, serious.

"The Auction," for four voices, glee.

"In Carving a Goose," for three voices, a catch.

"To Bacchus," for four voices, glee, cheerful.

"Wright, More, and Strange," three voices, catch, glee-wise.

"Hunter's Glee," three voices.

"Elegy on an Empty B." three voices, glee, mixt.

"Great News," &c. three voices, glee, cheerful.

"The Bustle," three voices, catch.

"Lesbia," three voices.

"The Country Bumpkins," three voices, catch.

"Heigh Ho!" four voices, glee, mixt.

"How Sweet, &c." three voices, glee.

"The Stutterers," three voices, glee.

"Sir John Frye," three voices, glee.

"My Wife's dead," three voices, glee.

"Bough Pots," three voices, catch.

P. 259, l. 2, for "the Rev." r. "Dr. Henry Bourne, an eminent physician."

P. 263, n. l. 3. A Tradesman's Token was issued: Obverse, Richard and Morgan Hind. In the centre a hind, trippant. Reverse, a large figure of 2.

P. 265. Mr. Gough began early to keep a Journal. An Account of one for the year 1752 will be found in the Gentleman's Magazine for Feb. 1838, p. 150.

P. 268, l. 10, for "Edward," r. "Edmund," Fisher.

P. 289. It would appear that Mr. Gough presented a copy of his "Sepulchral Monuments" to the Vatican Library, by the following inscription, copied from his own hand-writing. "Ne dedigneris, sanctissime Pater, inter thesauros Bibliothecæ Vaticanæ, per orbem literatam merito celeberrimam, opus hocce gloriæ Britannorum in arte tectonica sepulchrali inserviens inserere. Tibi valere et frui humillime precatur AUTOR."

P. 294. A Memoir of Mr. Jacob Schnebbelie was prefixed to his "Antiquaries' Museum," written by his friends Mr. Gough and Mr. Nichols.

Jacob Schnebbelie was born Aug. 30, 1760, in Duke's Court, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. His father was a native of Zurich in Switzerland, a lieutenant in the Dutch army at the siege of Bergen-op-Zoom in 1747. Upon quitting that service, he came to England, and settled as a confectioner at Rochester. He had two sons; the elder succeeded to his father's business, and in the same business the younger son, Jacob Schnebbelie, followed, first at Canterbury and afterwards at Hammersmith; but, having previously learned something of drawing under Paul Sandby, he quitted his shop, and commenced drawing-master. To the Earl of Leicester's notice he was first introduced by sketching in his park near Hertford. At the earl's recommendation, he was appointed draughtsman to the Society of Antiquaries, which led to his honourable connexion with Mr. Gough, as related in Vol. VI. of Literary Anecdotes, pp. 293, 294, 321. Mr. Schnebbelie drew several views in and near Canterbury, and published four views of St. Alban's Abbey, etched by himself. He drew several views for Mr. Moore's "Monastic Remains;" several good plates for the "Gentleman's Magazine;" made many drawings for Nichols's "History of Leicestershire;" for the "Vetusta Monumenta;" for Mr. Gough's "Sepulchral Monuments;" &c. The early numbers of "The Antiquaries' Museum," etched by himself, do great credit to his skill; but the later numbers, published after his death, though engraved after his drawings, were not of equal interest, and were published chiefly to assist in the support of his widow and infant children.

Mr. Nichols thus dedicates one of his plates in his History of Leicestershire: "To the memory of Mr. Jacob Schnebbelie, draughtsman to the Society of Antiquaries, this view of Coldover-

ton Church, the last he took in the county of Leicester, is affectionately inscribed by J. Nichols, as a tribute to Genius, Integrity, and Social Virtues. His talents were lost to the world, Feb. 21, 1792, before he had completed his 32nd year."

The second son of Mr. Jacob Schnebbelie, Mr. Robert Bremmel Schnebbelie, was an ingenious draughtsman, and was employed by Mr. Robert Wilkinson, to make drawings for "Londina Illustrata;" by Mr. Nichols, for the "Gentleman's Magazine," and for other works. He was also employed by Mr. T. Fisher, F.S.A.; and by Mr. C. J. Smith, engraver, and many others, to make drawings for the illustration of topographical works. Unfortunately, he was of rather weak intellect, and very capricious in the employment of his time. After his mother's death he was scarcely able to take care of himself. To the horror of his few friends, his body was found in a lodging, almost destitute of furniture, after having been some days dead; and it was too evident that his death was hastened by privation. This occurred about the year 1849.

P. 299, n. l. 14 from bottom, r. "Westcott."

P. 300, l. 8, add to Mr. Gough's communications to the Archæologia. "Observations on an Inscription on an ancient Pillar now in the possession of the Society of Antiquaries, with a Cufic inscription," vol. vi. p. 1.

P. 303, n. l. 8 from bottom, r. "Dr. Thomas Campbell." See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. pp. 797 to 809.

Ibid. ult. r. "Thomas Falconer, esq. (afterwards rev.);" See vol. IV. page 671.

P. 304, n. l. 4, r. "Rev. Edward Ledwich, LL.D." See Literary Illustrations, vol. VII. pp. 843 to 856.

P. 306, l. 13, r. "Gallico."

P. 308, n. l. 5 from bottom, r. "epistolam."

P. 309, l. 17, r. "eadem."

P. 310, l. ult. The person and habits of Mr. Gough were thus sketched in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1810 (ii. 428) by C. H., one who appears to have known him well:—

"In stature Mr. Gough was about the middle size, short-necked, and rather corpulent: his countenance, which was florid, bore the stamp of cheerfulness, happiness, benevolence, and good temper, the true indexes of his mind. He was short-sighted, which seldom allowed him to stop his friends in the street; in conversation, in apprehension, and in writing, he was alike remarkably quick; he enjoyed the society of the young and playful equally with that of those of maturer years; for, when out of his library, nobody could take him for the studious antiquary. C. H."

P. 313, l. 2, r. "P. Gemsege," *i.e.* Samuel Pegge.

P. 319, l. 2, read "Porteus."

P. 331, l. 6, John Calthorpe Gough, Esq. died April 25, 1831.

Ibid. note, l. 5 from bottom, for "Edward," r. "Edmund Fisher."

P. 333, l. 13, r. "solempne."

P. 340, l. 8, for "pace," r. "place."

P. 341, l. 18. These lines of Mr. Gough would seem to have reference to his edition of "Camden's Britannia."

P. 345, l. 22, for "were," r. "was."

P. 346, l. 2, r. "William Hay, Esq."

P. 351, l. 22, r. "weak."

P. 363, l. 25, r. "Wolley."

Ibid. l. 29, r. "William Peacock, Esq."

P. 434, note, l. 20, for "about 1774," r. "in 1779."

P. 435, l. 21, Mr. Wm. Davenill died Jan. 30th, 1779.

P. 442, n. l. 18 from bottom, Alderman Cadell died Dec. 27, 1802. The death of Thomas Cadell, jun., his only son, took place Nov. 26, 1837. See this volume, p. 510. Mr. Cadell's daughter married Dr. Charles Lucas Edridge, rector of Shipdham, Norfolk, and chaplain in ordinary to his Majesty. He died Jan. 4, 1826 (see *Gent. Mag.* i. 282); and his widow died Sept. 20, 1829. His second son, Lieut. Henry Thomas Edridge, Royal Engineers, died at Worcester, Nov. 6, 1828.

P. 464, note, l. 9. Dr. George Sandby died May 24, 1807. See *Gent. Mag.* 1807, p. 487.

P. 465, l. 18, r. "Sanders."

P. 466, l. 2, for "Johnson," r. "James Johnstone."

P. 474, note, l. 1, for "are," r. "is."

P. 479, note, l. 20, for "resented," probably r. "received."

P. 484, l. 8, for "Scenes," r. "Shades."

P. 597. The paging is misprinted: an error unluckily followed in all the following pages of the volume.

P. 597, note, l. 8, for "1796," r. "1795."

P. 604, l. 3, r. "dicat."

P. 614, note, l. 4 from bottom, r. "Dean of Lincoln, Jan. 23, 1762."

P. 616. The Forster Family. From an unpublished work by Dr. Thomas Ignatius Maria Forster, printed at Bruges, 1845, intitled, "*Epistolarium Forsterianum; or Letters of the Forster Family*," some further particulars shall be given of the amiable and talented family of the Forsters.

EDWARD FORSTER, Esq.

Of this eminent merchant, and governor of the Russian Company, an account has already been given in *Lit. Anecd.* vol. VI. p. 616. See also *Index*, vol. VII. pp. 138, 567. See likewise his correspondence with Mr. Gough, in *Literary Illustrations*, vol. V. pp. 280—289. Dr. Forster gives some anecdotes of his amiability in private life in his work, vol. I. pp. 3—14. Mr. Edward Forster married Miss Susanna Furney, descended from an ancient Somersetshire family; and had the following children: 1. Thomas-Furley; 2. Benjamin-Meggott; 3. Edward; and one daughter, Susanna Dorothy, who married the Rev. F. Dixon, rector of Bincombe and Broadway, Dorset, and died Oct. 9, 1822.

THOMAS FURLEY FORSTER, F.L.S.

was born in Walbrook, Sept. 6, 1761; and on his father's removal to Walthamstow, soon acquired a fondness for nature, which distinguished him throughout life. He devoted his time chiefly to the study of botany. He was joint author with his brother of the Catalogue of Plants in Mr. Gough's edition of Camden's "Britannia;" and of several papers in the "Linnæan Transactions." He published "Flora Tonbrigensis," to the second edition of which Dr. Forster added an account of the author. Another longer memoir of Mr. T. F. Forster, written by his son, Dr. Forster, will be found in "Epistolarium Fosterianum," vol. I. pp. 33 to 41. He was also acquainted with antiquities, and was a collector of prints, coins, and medals. In 1788, Mr. Forster married Susanna, third daughter of Thomas Williams, and niece to Mr. Sykes, of Tryon's Place, by whom he had Dr. Thomas Forster, F.R.A.S., F.L.S. &c. and four other children: 2. Edward, married to Eliza Nicholson. 1. Susanna, married to B. Fernandez. 2. Harriet, married Rev. A. F. Lloyd, Rector of Instow. 3. Marian, married to Rev. T. Morris, P. C. Twickenham. Mr. T. F. lived chiefly at Upper Clapton; but finally went to reside with his father's family at Walthamstow, where he died Oct. 28, 1825.

BENJAMIN MEGGOTT FORSTER, Esq.

was born in Walbrook, Jan. 16, 1764. He was educated with his elder brother at Walthamstow; and afterwards became a member of the firm of Edward Forster and Co. Russia merchants, of London; but he attended very little to business, and occupied himself much with natural philosophy, especially electricity. He was also fond of botany, and made some correct and elegant drawings of the *fungi*.

Mr. B. M. Forster was highly benevolent, proud, just, and affectionate, and had a remarkable attachment to young children. He was the author of several able letters in the Philosophical Magazine and the Gentleman's Magazine; was the inventor of the Sliding Portfolio, of the Atmospheric Electroscop, and of the Orrery of Perpetual Motion, a machine which of course failed. He was an early advocate for the abolition of Slavery; for abolishing Capital Punishments; for suppressing Cruelty to Animals; for affording Relief to the Destitute; for suppressing the Abuse of Anatomy in Hospitals, &c. He founded a very useful society for restoring young females to their friends in the country, who, on coming to town, had been seduced; and another, the society for the suppression of Climbing Boys by the use of mechanical contrivances for sweeping chimneys. This society has proved highly successful, and is deserving of every praise. His coadjutors in its establishment were Granville Sharp, Esq. and William Tooke, Esq. Mr. B. M. Forster never married, but resided chiefly with his father's family, and subsequently with his mother. At her

death, April 26, 1823, he took a cottage, called Scotts, at Hale End, Walthamstow, where he died rather suddenly on 8th March, 1829.

EDWARD FORSTER, ESQ. F.R.S., F.L.S.

was born in Wood-street, Walthamstow, 12 Oct. 1765. He was early introduced into the banking-house of Forster, Lubbocks, Forster, and Clarke; became, like his brother, fond of botany, particularly English herbaceous plants, and was author of several papers in the Linnæan Transactions, of which society he ultimately became Vice-President. He resided chiefly at Hale End, on his own estate; but latterly at Ivy House, Woodford, where he died 23 Feb. 1849, in his 84th year, his estates being inherited by his eldest nephew, Dr. Thomas Forster. Mr. E. Forster had been married to Mary-Jane, only daughter of Abraham Greenwood, by whom he had no children, and whom he lost in January 1846. He arose at six, working among his plants till seven; then breakfasted, and regularly attended his banking-house by nine o'clock, returning to dinner at six. He was shy, taciturn, and exclusive in his habits, cultivated but few friendships, and spent much of his evenings in reading, arranging his herbarium, or unpacking and sorting and arranging his plants. He was of a mild and benevolent disposition; and he died regretted deeply by his family and scientific friends.

Mr. E. Forster was the principal founder of the Refuge for the Destitute in the Hackney Road. Some lines to his memory by a friend, who had known him for fifty years, will be found in *Gent. Mag.* for Sept. 1849, p. 248; and a more full memoir of him in the *Magazine* for Oct. 1849, p. 431.

REV. BENJAMIN FORSTER

was the younger brother of Edward Forster, Esq. governor of the Russia Company; of him an account is given in *Lit. Anecd.* vol. VI. pp. 268, 370, 616; and particularly in vol. IX. p. 648, where are several letters of Mr. B. Forster. Another series of his correspondence is printed in "Literary Illustrations," vol. V. pp. 290-328. In Dr. Forster's "Letters of the Forster Family," are several other letters of Mr. Gough to the Rev. B. Forster, many of them too trifling to be worthy of preservation, and all of them most incorrectly printed at a foreign press. In the same work are some interesting anecdotes of Mr. Forster, after his retirement into Cornwall. "At Boconnoc parsonage, in one of the deep, fresh, and green vallies of Cornwall, inclosed among well-wooded hills, lived my great-uncle Benjamin Forster. Settling quietly down in his living, he rejoiced in this retirement from the world more than he had ever enjoyed its amusements; here and indulging in all the whims and fancies which belong to genius, he became celebrated as one of the most liberal, learned, agreeable, and, at the same time, eccentric men of his day. Among his

strongest propensities was his love for animals; and he was surrounded by numerous favourites. The earliest I have on record were some cats; one, in particular, named Jerry Jerusalem, shortened into Jewsy, was the prototype of many others in the family. These cats had all their places at the good rector's table, and dined with him every day; proving the power which animals possess, when kindly educated, of accommodating themselves to new circumstances; for they were all very orderly, and waited to be helped in due turn. Trotty, the subject of this eulogy, was a spaniel of a whitish colour, who became a great favourite as early as 1799; and Spectre, also a spaniel, more of the water-dog variety, was a foundling who came soon afterwards. These fellows had their places at dinner on each side the rector, but outside of the cats; and whoever might come to dine at Boconnoc, the animals were never displaced. Not that, on this account, my uncle ever wanted society, which his high character both for goodness and affability of manners, as well as his scholarship, always insured to him.

"Scarcely was there a learned man in the county who did not occasionally dine at his hospitable board, and he, in return, visited them. He was known at Lostwithiel, Bodmin, Liskeard, and indeed in all that district of Cornwall, nearly round and as far as Warleggan, Menhenniet, Padstow, and St. Austel. His more particular friends were Sir Harry and Lady Trelawny, Mr. Borlase, Mr. Rashleigh, Mr. Trevennion, Mr. Cory, Mr. Kendall, and many other clergymen; besides Mr. John Coles, the talented steward of the estates of Sir John St. Aubyn; and he kept on a correspondence till late in life with his college friends, Mr. Gough, Mr. Haistwell, Baron Maseres, Mr. Palgrave, Mr. Tyson, and Mr. Gould. Toup, the editor of "*Emendationes ad Suidam*," sent him, at the instigation of Tom Warton, a handsomely bound copy of his work, as a testimony of marked respect. It was not till August, 1804, that I became acquainted with my great-uncle, when I was introduced to him, and stayed at his house with my father and family. Trotty and Spectre were then masters of the premises: they strutted about the woods and lanes together, and did as they liked both at home and abroad. They seemed to be joint *consules*; and one would have thought that the rector and his household were rather their subjects than their masters. Mr. Forster's fondness for all animals was carried to excess. His three horses—Loski, an active dark brown; Smiler, a large useful grey; and an old white horse called Tidy Ocean—were taken more care of than most people take of their children. In the tanks and tubs of water about the grounds were tame fish; and, nobody being allowed to annoy the birds with a gun, these vernal songsters filled the woods and groves with a delicious melody. Some of my happiest days were passed here. We rode about the country, and examined its botany and antiquities; and I particularly well remember, though a child, the early love for ancient remains which the windows of St. Neot's, the old house at Lanhydroc, and the castle of Restormel inspired me with.

"Early impressions are the most lasting; and the conversations of the worthy man, as we wandered about the woods of Pan's Parlour, or up the steep of the Bastion Hill, evidently formed the basis of my future opinions. My uncle both conversed and preached against the sin of cruelty to animals; this was his forte; and the pointed wit with which he used to satirise the superstition and bigotry of his contemporaries, particularly the members of his cloth, was compensated by his extreme good humour, graceful manners, and the utter absence of ill-will to anybody. Many a time, when I have come home after a long ride from Polperro or Lanhivit, the question asked was, not whether I or the ladies were tired, but whether I thought they had tired their horses. My uncle had a prodigious distaste to farms and country habits; and explained this by saying, that the animals on farms were not kept for their own sakes, but to be slaughtered and eaten. He liked to see the gallant chanticleer strut to the barn door and crow at daybreak as well as anybody could do; but in farms the murderous hands of the dairymaid were associated with the idea of poultry; and he hated the very grunt of a farm pig, and the lowing of the farm cattle, as much as he did the bleating of a wattled flock of sheep at nightfall, because he could not get rid of the notion that they were in a false position, and that we were in a worse, who had no right to keep them for our eating.

"The good rector died December 2, 1805; and in his will his animals were provided for. Trotty died about the same time; but Spectre, a fine spaniel, was brought up to Walthamstow, where he lived many years; and the Governor of the Russia Company wrote some elegant Lines on him, when, by chance, he was left out of a list of his dogs.

"Despising the mendacious hand of the lapidary biographer, Mr. B. Forster ordered that an old stone found in a Cornish church, and inscribed FVI, should be his only gravestone; and to his family and friends, he

"Bid fair Peace to be their sable shroud."

"A child of nature, and despiser of the superstition, hypocrisy, and folly of mankind."*

The following letters, addressed to the Rev. Benjamin Forster, have been presented to me for publication by my friend Dr. Thomas Forster, who thought them worthy of preservation.

"MR. BARON MASERES† to REV. BENJ. FORSTER.

"DEAR SIR, Inner Temple, July 14, 1788.

"I write this from a desire of knowing what has been done by your friends in Cornwall and Devonshire towards encouraging the

* Dr. T. Forster's "Letters of the Forster Family," vol. ii. Preface, pp. vi.—ix.

† Baron Maseres died May 19, 1824, in his 93rd year. See memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1824, pp. 569, 573, and a long Latin epitaph of him at Reigate in *Gent. Mag.* 1825, i. 207. There is an excellent portrait of him by Hayter, engraved by Audinet. See also *Index to Literary Anecdotes*, vol. VII. p. 625.

industrious poor to buy life-annuities to support themselves in their old age. Your brother Edward has told me that he has sent you down my two pamphlets on the subject, and my treatise on Life-Annuities, in which the very Act that passed the House of Commons is printed verbatim. Do your Members of Parliament and Justices approve of it? It was the result of, I believe, eight or nine meetings at Sir George Savile's house, for two or three hours at a time, of some of the ablest members of the House of Commons, in the winter 1772 and spring 1773: and I do not think it would be easy to change it for the better. Dr. Priestley told me, a year or two ago, that his wife's brother, Mr. Wilkinson, a great manufacturer at Birmingham, was desirous of carrying such a plan into execution for his workmen; but I have not heard what has been done in it.

"I hope you continue in good health and spirits, and in full possession of your eyesight, and that you will not be obliged from that cause to come again to London, though I shall be very happy to see you here if you came every spring, or every other spring, for a month or two, which I should think a very natural and reasonable practice.

"Our friend Cay is vastly the better in his health and spirits for having given up his employment in the Excise; insomuch that all his friends agree that he has judged rightly for himself in giving it up, though most other people would have been very unwilling to part with it.

"The appeal of the Fellows of Clare Hall against Dr. Torkington, the master of the College, has been determined by the Duke of Grafton, with Dr. Wynne and Dr. Calvert for his assessors, in their favour; which I hope will restore the peace of the college, which has for this year or two been sadly disturbed. Eight Fellows had voted for a Mr. Bourdieu to be a Fellow of the College, and the Master and four Fellows had voted for Mr. Torkington, the Master's nephew. The Master refused to admit Mr. Bourdieu notwithstanding his majority of votes, and pretended that he had a negative upon the election of any Fellow, let the number of votes for him be what it will. This pretension (which was quite new) has now been overruled by the Chancellor of the University and his assessors, and Dr. Torkington is required by the decree to admit Mr. Bourdieu to the Fellowship.

"I propose to spend a few days at Walthamstow with your eldest brother at the latter end of this week. I find it impossible to persuade him to go only 22 miles from London to see me at Reigate, notwithstanding the road is as good as possible, and the country extremely pleasant, and such a one as he likes, that is, hilly in a moderate degree, so as to diversify the views.

"Your most obedient and humble Servant,

"FRANCIS MASERES."

"P.S.—I shall return to Reigate about the 2nd or 3rd of August, and stay there for the remainder of the summer."

Letters from the Rev. Thomas WARTON,* Professor of Poetry,
to the Rev. B. FORSTER:—

1. "SIR, "Trin. Coll. Oxon. March 8, 1785.
"I am much obliged to you for your letter respecting Mr. Toup's papers. I have communicated its contents to the Delegates of the University Press, and will soon send you their determination. If you please, the letters may remain till I have spoken to the parties concerned.

"I am, Sir, your most obedient servant, T. WARTON."

2. "SIR, "Trin. Coll. Oxon. March 17, 1785.
"The Delegates of the Press are very willing to purchase Mr. Toup's critical papers; but before we treat we wish to see them. If, therefore, you will please to send them directed to me, I will take care that none shall be copied, and that they shall be all carefully kept together, and returned in case they should not be purchased. We are told that among Mr. Toup's printed books is our late edition of Euripides,† with many of Mr. Toup's manuscript insertions. We beg the favour of you to reserve this book for us, which we would buy.

"I am, Sir, your most obedient servant, T. WARTON."

"P.S. From Plymouth to Exeter, thence to Bath, and thence to Oxford, is a safe and speedy conveyance by the coaches."

3. "SIR, "Trin. Coll. Oxon. April 14th, 1785.
"I should have acknowledged your repeated favours before, but waited for a Press-Board, which, consisting of eleven persons, is not to be procured without some delays.

"I am desired by the Vice-Chancellor and Board of Delegates of the Press, to return their most grateful thanks to Miss Blake for her very valuable and liberal present of Mr. Toup's papers to the University. I am also personally bound to thank Miss Blake for her intended present to me of Mr. Toup's copy of my Theocritus.‡

"I have received the papers on Polybius, which are much larger and more fair than I expected. They are marked with Mr. Toup's usual acumen. They will immediately be consigned to the care of the Editor of our Polybius.

"All due attention will be paid to the other papers when they arrive. I think with you, that Strabo's Epigrams may be withheld, as we have already two copies of them in the Bodleian Library. I find that at Exeter College they have no fund for purchasing books. You may, however (if you please), send the *Strabo* to me privately, I mean *sealed up*, as I wish just to see how far your copy agrees with what we have. I will return the parcel carefully. With compliments to Miss Blake,

"I am, Sir, your most obedient humble servant, T. WARTON.

* See account of the Rev. Thomas Warton, first Professor of Poetry at Oxford, and of his works, in Lit. An. VI. 175—186, and numerous entries relative to him in Index, vol. VII. pp. 455, 704. Literary Illustrations, Index, vol. VIII. p. 115,

† Edited by Samuel Musgrave. Oxon. 1778.

‡ Oxon. 1770.

"P.S. Since this letter was written, I have received your favour, dated 12th instant, which shall be answered particularly, when the papers come to hand."

4. "SIR, "Trin. Coll. Oxon. May 2nd, 1785.

"I have just received a box of Mr. Toup's papers from your brother's in town. The Delegates of the Press hope Miss Blake will accept of a copy of the Oxford edition of Shakespeare, as a small testimony of her generosity and their gratitude.

"With many thanks from the Board for your kind attention in this business, "I am, with great respect, Sir,

"Your most obedient servant, T. WARTON."

5. "DEAR SIR, "Winchester, May 20, 1785.

"I fear you will think me remiss in the acknowledgment of your favours. I left Oxford for this place, on some urgent business, on Wednesday last; but the day before received from the hands of Mr. Morshead, of Exeter College, two large packets, in blue covers, of Mr. Toup's papers, which answer the catalogue in your last. I will return the Strabo, and deliver the other papers to the Delegates of the Press.

"The Lives of the legendary Saints, which Sir J. Morshead thought to be in my possession, are in a manuscript of the Bodleian; otherwise I would have sent them to you without delay. But I will look for the Saints you mention when I return to Oxford next Friday. Wishing you much success in your design of engraving the windows of St. Neot's church,

"I am, dear Sir, your most obedient servant, T. WARTON."

6. "DEAR SIR, "Trin. Coll. Oxon. June 11th, 1785.

"I should have answered your last favour before, but could not procure a Press-Board till yesterday. The Delegates most readily comply with your excellent proposal, of paying for the monument to Mr. Toup intended by Miss Blake; but wish to know what inscription is designed, as they would insert that the monument was erected at their expense, and for favours received. At the same time, they hope she will accept the Shakespeare, which is now ready to be sent. With many thanks for the new light you have thrown on my note,

"I am, Sir, your most obedient humble servant, T. WARTON."

7. "DEAR SIR, "Winton, July 24, 1785.

"Since I had the favour of your last, I have waited to procure a Board, which I now find cannot be effected till the end of next October. The Epitaph* is very just and proper, and the form you mention for the additional part will undoubtedly be followed. The whole, I think, will be completed by Christmas next. When I return to Oxford, I will attend closely to the business. You will be kind enough to pardon my delay in not answering your letter, for the reasons here given.

"Many thanks for your excellent improvement on my note on 'Lycidas.' "I am, dear Sir,

"Your most faithful humble servant, T. WARTON."

* The Epitaph on Mr. Toup is printed in *Literary Anecdotes*, II. 341.

8. "DEAR SIR, "Trin. Coll. Oxon. Dec. 20, 1785.

"I am exceedingly obliged to you for your very kind congratulations on my late success.

"I perfectly approve of your alteration in the Inscription, which I beg you will make, with any other you may think of. The books shall be sent to your brother's in town immediately. Harris will be a very proper artist.

"I am leaving this place for a few days, otherwise I would immediately enter on the business of your *Saints*. But you will certainly hear from me on that subject when I return hither. I only hint at present, that something may be expected from St. Neot's, Hunts, where (as perhaps you know) is a fine church, at least tower, in the florid Gothic.*

"I am, dear Sir, with great regard,

"Your most obedient humble servant, T. WARTON."

9. "DEAR SIR, "Oxon. Dec. 22, 1785.

"Since I wrote on Tuesday (being forced to stay in Oxford one day longer than I intended) I have turned over Caxton's 'Golden Legend,' and the voluminous *Vitæ Sanctorum* of Servius and Bollandus, for St. Neot, but without effect. At last I find a full and complete life of him in Capgrave's *Vitæ Sanctorum Angliæ*, with all the circumstances mentioned in the compartments of your window, and many others. During my absence from Oxford, the whole shall be transcribed, and at my return shall be sent to you. The saint appears to have been a hermit for some time at a place in Cornwall, then called Neot-stoke, and to have been buried at Saint Neot's, perhaps the same place. But the former is said to be ten miles from S. Petroc's monastery in Cornwall. His bones were removed to Croyland abbey. He was (at first) a monk of Glastonbury. Saint George's life is easy to be had.

"I am, dear Sir, very sincerely yours, T. WARTON."

"Purbrook Park, near Portsmouth,

"Aug. 14th, 1787.

10. "DEAR SIR,

"I believe I forgot to answer a question in one of your letters received long ago. The meaning of *Seth ponit duo ova, &c.*? This is a stage-direction (if I remember right) in one of the old Corpus Christi plays, representing the history of the Bible, with much intermixture of absurd legendary matter. When I go to town, I will make an extract of this passage from a noble copy of these plays in the British Museum. Your window is a comment on the play.

"I am, dear Sir,

"Your very faithful humble servant, T. WARTON."

* See the "History and Antiquities of Eynesbury and St. Neot's in Huntingdonshire, and of St. Neot's in Cornwall. By the Rev. George Cornelius Gorham, M.A. 1824," 2 vols, 8vo. Respecting the windows at St. Neot's in Cornwall, see further, hereafter, p. 563.

11. "DEAR SIR, "Trin. Coll. Oxon. April 6th, 1788.

"The Delegates of the Oxford Press, highly sensible of your very kind care and attention in procuring Mr. Toup's posthumous papers for their use, beg you to accept of a set of the Oxford Cicero, as a small token of their gratitude and regard. On your acquainting me with the most convenient mode of conveyance, the volumes, which are now ready, shall be sent without delay.

"We are informed that amongst Mr. Toup's papers was a large foreign correspondence. You will confer a new obligation in adding this treasure to what we have already received by your favour.

"I am, dear Sir,

"Your most faithful humble servant, T. WARTON."

12. "DEAR SIR, "Trinity College, Oxon. Feb. 22, 1790.

"We have finished at the Clarendon Press our new edition of Mr. Toup's *Suidas*; and, as it is ordered for you, I beg the favour of a line to inform me how the volume may be conveniently sent.

"I am, dear Sir, very sincerely,

"Your most obedient servant, T. WARTON."

A full memoir of the Rev. Jonathan *Toup* is given in *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. II., and also in *Chalmers's Biographical Dictionary*. In the *Gentleman's Magazine* for October, 1823, is printed a letter from the late Sir Harris Nicolas, under his signature of "Clionas," in which he states:—"Such of Mr. Toup's papers as were not sent to the University of Oxford are in my possession, and I purpose occasionally sending to the *Gentleman's Magazine* some letters to him from some of the most distinguished scholars of the day." The accompanying two letters of Mr. Toup were copied from a rough transcript of the originals in his own hand. The first letter is addressed to Hon. Frederick Keppel, Bishop of Exeter; and the second to the well-known Dr. Milles, Dean of Exeter. As the letters are characteristic of Mr. Toup, they are here reprinted:—

"MY LORD, "St. Martin's, Looe, July 2, 1765.

"Inclosed is my induction to the rectory of St. Martin's. Your lordship will see that it never was exhibited before, which was the reason of my not carrying it yesterday to Bodmin.

"I dare say the person that gave your lordship that unfavourable account of me with respect to Looe Chapel, is the same man that talked pretty free last summer of some conversation which passed between him and me relative to the Bishop of Rochester. He is a person greatly distinguished in your lordship's church of Exeter. But, my lord, I will never prostitute the rights of my Church to oblige any party whatsoever; and I hope I shall be handed down to posterity, not in the character of a borough-jobber, which I utterly detest; but what the whole world will allow me, the character of a scholar, and one that has done some

service to antient literature in general, and to the New Testament in particular.

“I am, my Lord, with great respect, your Lordship's
most dutiful and most obedient servant, Jo. TOUP.”

“REV. SIR,

“St. Martin's, Aug. 9, 1765.

“I had the favour of your letter last Tuesday. I never suspected that you gave the Bishop any *disadvantageous* idea of me, far from it, as I think it rather an advantageous one, it being my duty to assert the rights of my Church, which every incumbent is obliged in justice to maintain.

“As to Mr. Ruhentien's letter to me, I am not answerable for any passage contained in it, nor did I ever mention that *offensive paragraph* as you call it, either by letter or in private conversation, as far as I can recollect, to any person whatsoever. I am not capable of dealing roughly or at random with the character of any man, especially a man of such distinguished ability as Bishop Pearce. I know the Bishop, and the Bishop knows me. He is one of those few, and few God knows they are, that study the Holy Scriptures in earnest, and endeavour to do honour to letters as letters have done to them. I am sorry there should be room for any suspicion or misunderstanding between us. I have neither leisure nor inclination to enter into any dispute about such sort of things. My time and thoughts are generally taken up with matters of a different kind, and I thank God I can sit with as much pleasure in my study as any of my brethren in their stalls.

“I am, good Sir, with due regard, yours, &c.

It does not appear that Sir Harris continued his contributions from Mr. Toup's papers to the Magazine. He probably reserved them for separate publication, for which, I think, he issued proposals; but he never published them. The Toup MSS. probably remain with his family.

In “Warburton's Literary Remains,” published by the Rev. F. Kilvert, is a valuable letter of Mr. Toup to Bishop Warburton, dated 27 June, 1767, reprinted in a review of the work by Mr. Mitford in *Gent. Mag.* for 1841, p. 350, with some valuable notes by the reviewer.

In Polwhele's “Reminiscences” are several Anecdotes of Toup, among them, “that he was fond of field sports,” and joined his neighbours *con amore* in the diversion of hunting. In the pulpit he (as we say) was no great things, except that occasionally his sermons were lightened up by a satiric stroke, or a personal allusion. In that day funeral sermons were much in vogue, at half a guinea. If enriched by a strip of Latin or Greek, the *purpureus pannus* were sure to bring a guinea. I have myself [Polwhele] been so paid; and so was Toup. But for a certain sermon preached at the funeral of a maiden lady, he got not, I will venture to say, even a mark, except of displeasure. The text was from Matt. xxv. “So the door was shut.” *Gent. Mag.* 1837, . 67.

LETTERS from Rev. J. WHITAKER to Rev. BENJ. FORSTER.*

1. "DEAR SIR, "Ruan-Langhorne, June 25, 1790.

"I beg leave to trouble you upon a point of local literature. I know your readiness to oblige me, and act upon it.

"In Gibson's *Additions to Camden* (col. 19, edit. 3d) is this account of the windows† in St. Neot's church, near you. In these, says a person whom I suppose to be Edward Lhuyd, the enlarger of Camden's account of Wales, and the celebrated author of a kind of British Dictionary, are 'several pictures relating to *some particular traditions of the Jews*, which are exactly delivered in a Cornish Book, now in the publick library at Oxford, 'Arch. B. 31; 'tis probable they had these *traditions* immediately 'from the Jews themselves, who were here in great numbers about 'the time.'

"Some years ago, I remember, you were employing a painter to take a copy of these pictures. I suppose, therefore, that you can give me more information concerning them than any other man in the county. I shall be happy to owe the obligation to you; and I remain, with my warm wishes for the continuance of your health,

"Dear Sir, your most obedient and very humble servant,

"R. L. Friday, June 25, 1790.

"JOHN WHITAKER."

2. "MY DEAR SIR,

"I was happy to recognise your hand in the superscription of your letter to me. Though our correspondence had been long suspended, yet I recollected the writing to be one with which I had been very familiar once, and by which I had been frequently instructed as well as pleased. I therefore opened the letter with eagerness, to be pleased and instructed once more.

"The compliments in Mr. Britton's work, my daughters pointed out to me as soon as the book arrived. I have thanked Mr. Britton‡ for it, who is now on his travels through Devonshire: and I thank you for the very handsome manner, and the very friendly wishes, in and with which you have noticed it to me. May particularly the religious half of your kind wishes be realised to me!

"You desire to borrow Chevalier's 'Account of Troy,' if I

* A Memoir of the Rev. John Whitaker, B.D., the historian of Manchester, written by the Rev. Richard Polwhele, will be found in *Lit. Anecdotes*, III. 101—106.

† These beautiful windows have been carefully repaired and restored by the munificence of Mr. Grylles, at a cost of two or three thousand pounds. The church has now 16 windows entirely filled with painted glass; about half consisting of the old glass most carefully preserved, and the new added in a corresponding style, by Mr. J. P. Hedgeland, who has published a *Description of these splendid decorations*, to which are added some *Collections and Translations relative to St. Neot, &c.*, by Davies Gilbert, M.A. F.R.S., F.S.A., 4to. See also Mr. Davies Gilbert's *History of Cornwall*, vol. iii. p. 264.

‡ Mr. Britton has introduced a portrait of Rev. J. Whitaker in his "Reminiscences," but there is no memoir of him, which Mr. Britton had intended; and the allusions to Mr. Whitaker in Mr. Britton's work are by no means kind. See Vol. I. 170, 205, 379.

can spare it a second time to you. I certainly can, and send it accordingly. But to it I have added two pamphlets upon the same subject by Mr. Morrits, wonderfully confirmatory of Chevalier's account. 'I wish to employ an amanuensis,' you tell me, 'copying the account from the Philosophical Transactions of the Barrows near St. Austel.' By Philosophical I suppose you to mean the Antiquarian Transactions, and therefore send you the volume in which Mr. Rashleigh,* of Menabilly, describes some antiquities found in a stream-work near St. Austel. This, however, is so short that it will soon be transcribed, and so different in title from what you want to see, that I suspect I have mistaken your object. If I have not, you probably know the literary character of Mr. Rashleigh better than I know it. He is an *amateur* in antiquarianism; but some *amateurs* are only eunuchs, 'multum cupiunt, nihil possunt.' His golden-hook of the Druids is not gold at all, assuredly, and is undoubtedly *not* a hook, having actually no edge for cutting, and being merely a crook for pulling.

"As my man is going to Truro to-morrow, in order to fetch home my two daughters, who yesterday rode thither and are this evening to be at the Assembly there, the first for the winter, he shall take the book with him to the carrier's, and this letter shall go to the post at Tregoney to-morrow morning. You may keep the books as long as you please. I am too much engaged in other attentions, and shall be for weeks to come, for any other use of any of them than an occasional reference possibly to the Archæologia. 'The Antient Cathedral of Cornwall' has long been finished, but I added to one chapter in it a few weeks ago a short dissertation of what Borlase is so shy of noticing, the wretched idolatry of the Druids. I wanted by it to excite that horror for this applauded species of heathenism, which is so justly due from every mind and every pen of a literary Christian. Yet, whether the book will be printed I do not know yet.† I offered it three or four years ago to three or four booksellers in London, as a gratuitous manuscript, yet all declined to accept. The pressure of the war combined with the locality in the work made them apprehensive of the risk; and whether the latter reason may not still operate, I doubt.

"I have also a Life of St. Neot ready for fair transcription; the title which I have given it will show you the extensiveness of the work—'concerning *Neot* the reputed Lecturer of Oxford, and the celebrated Saint of Cornwall.' I accordingly mean to state the origin of Oxford, as a town and as an university.

"I have also a dissertation in a first sketch concerning the History of the Sylley Isles, and another concerning St. Michael's‡

* Philip Rashleigh, Esq. F.S.A. See Archæologia, vol. IX. 187; XI. 83.

† Mr. Whitaker's "Antient Cathedral of Cornwall Historically Surveyed," was published in 4to. London, 1804.

‡ Mr. Whitaker's "Supplement to Mr. Polwhele's History of Cornwall, containing Remarks on St. Michael's Mount, Penzance, the Land's End, and the Sylleh Isles," was published at Exeter, in 1804.

Mount, in this county, which I mean to combine together, if I can, or to publish separately, if I cannot; and I am now engaged actively in writing what I call 'The original History of London,'* stated critically. I hope to weed away many errors that have long flourished in that fine garden of antiquarianism. I have nearly finished the first chapter of about 60 folio pages. Stowe is my great author for materials, Maitland for thinking, and Pennant for flourishing; and I presume to correct all three, but especially the last. These are great designs for a man at 67; but my health is good and my spirits are strong, and I therefore propose to finish a Military History of the Romans in Britain which I have taken up at different times for near thirty years past, but which I trust finally to complete before I reach seventy, and retire wholly into theology for the short remainder of my life.

"In the midst of all these plans and all these executions, I should willingly accept your invitation, though you have so long owed me a couple of visits. But I cannot ride far at present. My sedentariness has unfitted me for much horse exercise, and all that I attempt at present is a ride to a neighbouring dinner, or to a Truro visitation. You, however, are quite a boon companion, I understand; as I hear of your midnight hours of revelry, your breakfast at two, and your dinner at eight. Yet I suspect you have been mentioned when your companions were meant, and your health has precluded you from such gambols of merriment. Of that health I received a very alarming account a few months ago, when report said you had been bled thirteen times. The alarm made me inquire strictly about the report, when I was happy to hear it was all false, as you had never been bled in all your life, my informant believed, and were therefore very averse to the operation. Yet how is your health at present? how are your eyes particularly? When you have received the parcel, I beg the favour of a few lines to tell me you have received it, and I subscribe myself, with great pleasure, my dear Sir, your friend and servant,

"Thursday, Sept. 30, 1802."

"JOHN WHITAKER."

P. 617, l. 8, for "Edward," r. "Edmund."

P. 618, note 6, add, the Rev. John Greene, of Corpus Christi College, B.A. 1745; M.A. 1752; fellow of his college; died Nov. 11, 1786, in his 88th year. He was buried in the church of St. George at Tombland, Norwich, of which he was a minister for thirty years. He had been rector of Marsham, Norfolk, for nearly the same time. Of his six children, five daughters and a son, only one daughter, Elizabeth, survived him; she died in her 30th year, Nov. 1792. His widow died in 1803, in her 77th year.† He was the constant friend of the Rev. John

* His collections for "London" and for "Oxford," were never published. His journey to London, and his great exertions there, in procuring information, his energetic and various conversations with literary characters, brought on a debility from which he never thoroughly recovered. See Lit. An. III. 105.

† Dr. Lambe's History of Corpus Christi College, p. 399.

Duncombe, a friendship which lasted through life. He was a very respectable clergyman of the diocese of Norwich; a man whose genius and learning, goodness and virtue, justly gained him the esteem and love of all who had the happiness of his acquaintance. See Lit. Anecd. VIII. 272. He was a frequent contributor to the Gentleman's Magazine, under the signatures of Fidus, J. G., N. E. &c. See Gent. Mag. 1786, pp. 120, 205. Mr. Greene was also an early associate with Mr. Gough. See Lit. Anecd. vol. VI. p. 618.

P. 626, note, l. 1, for "1781," r. "1784."

Ibid. l. 3, for "living," r. "vicarage."

Ibid. l. 20, for "Oct. 4," r. "Oct. 9."

P. 627. Among those who were distinguished by commerce was George Ward, Esq. of Soho Square, and of West Cowes, who died Feb. 18, 1829; father of William Ward, Esq. M.P. for London, who died June 30, 1849. See an account of the Ward Family in Gent. Mag. Aug. 1849, p. 206.

P. 628, l. 18, add, "about 1767, Dr. Trusler wrote a formal agreement with Mr. Nichols to produce a Tragedy for the stage, under the title of "Edris and Alma;" of which the first act was speedily written by Dr. Trusler's coadjutor. The doctor was to write the second, and his friend the third; and so on with the fourth and fifth. Whether it was ever finished, or whether the first act existed among Dr. Trusler's papers, remains to be discovered." *

P. 629, l. 4 from bottom, Mr. Nichols thus resigned his *civic* honours, in a letter addressed "To the Right Worshipful Sir Charles Price, Bart. M.P. Alderman of the Ward of Farringdon Without :

"DEAR SIR,

St. Thomas's Day, 1811.

"I am arrived at a time of life when domestic comfort is more essential than even public honours, and have therefore declined becoming a candidate for a seat in the Common Council. I can reflect with satisfaction that I have long discharged the various duties of an important trust, faithfully, diligently, and conscientiously. Unbiassed by the prejudices of party, and enjoying a political opinion which I have never concealed, my vote has always been consonant to the feelings of an independent man, and such as I have not had occasion to be ashamed of. I beg leave, Sir, on retiring, to return my most cordial thanks to yourself as presiding officer, to my late worthy colleagues, and to our constituents in general, for the unequivocal marks of friendly attention which I have experienced during a residence among them of more than half a century, for forty-six years of which time I have been an inhabitant householder, and a freeman and liveryman of London. With a hearty wish of perpetual prosperity to that great and opulent city, of which the Ward of Farringdon Without forms so proud and prominent a part; and that you, Sir, may long enjoy

* Mr. Nichols in Gent. Mag. 1820, ii. 121.

the honour of continuing one of its representatives in parliament ;
I subscribe myself, Sir,

" Your greatly obliged and very faithful servant,

" J. NICHOLS."

P. 630, l. 6, r. " 1788."

Ibid. n. l. 16, Dr. William Perfect died about June, 1809.
See memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1809, p. 684.

P. 634. History of Canonbury and *Islington*.] The following grateful acknowledgment from Mr. J. Norris Brewer, on his own behalf, and that of Mr. J. Britton and E. W. Brayley, appeared in 1816, in Mr. Brewer's account of the parish of *Islington* :

" We cannot quit *Islington* without observing, that this parish also claims as a native John Nichols, Esq. F.S.A. In the *Literary Anecdotes of the Eighteenth Century*, this judicious historian and antiquary has narrated the principal events in the early part of his private life ; and in the general detail of that interesting work, his public character stands illustrated ; for with the most conspicuous literary men of his era he has been closely connected. Still we must be allowed to remark, that the author of the *History of Leicestershire* cannot fail to be regarded as the Dugdale of the present age.

" Perhaps, to no individual of any period are topography and the study of antiquities more highly indebted than to this native of the suburban village under notice ; and, while alluding to the stores of information which Mr. Nichols has collected, and takes pleasure in dispensing around, we beg permission, in the name of the principal editors concerned in this present publication, to return thanks for the loan of many scarce and valuable books, and for undeviating politeness and attention when such intelligence was requested as could only satisfactorily be expected from himself. Mr. Nichols has for many years occupied a residence in his native village."

P. 634, n. l. 7. Edmund Malone, esq. died May 25, 1812 ; and Mr. Nichols, in the last sheet of the first portion of this work, paid a deserved compliment to his memory. In the course of the following year appeared in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for June, 1813, a very pleasing and affectionate memoir of Mr. Malone, written by James Boswell the younger, esq., to which with pleasure I refer the reader.

P. 644, l. *ult.* for " vol. IV. p. 279," r. " vol. VII. 368."

P. 637. Add to the works published by John Nichols.

58. " *Literary Illustrations of the Eighteenth Century*, being a Sequel to the *Literary Anecdotes*." 4 vols. 1815-1822.

59. A new edition of his friend Sir John Cullum's " *History of Hawsted*." 4to. 1813.

60. A third edition of the Rev. Thomas Warton's " *History of Kiddington, Oxfordshire*;" revised through the press by Sir H. Ellis, F.R.S., Sec. S.A.

61. In 1817, Mr. Nichols published a Third Volume of " *The Works of Wm. Hogarth*, with *Biographical Anecdotes*;" with 50

additional plates, 4to. The first two volumes, published in 1810, are mentioned in Vol. VI. p. 632.

62. Mr. N. Hardinge's "Latin, Greek, and English Poems." 8vo. 1818.

63. "Miscellaneous Works of George Hardinge, Esq." 3 vols. 8vo. 1819.

64. In 1818 he prefixed to the Third Volume of the "General Index to the Gentleman's Magazine" a Prefatory Introduction, descriptive of the rise and progress of the Magazine, with Anecdotes of its Projector and his early associates.

65. "Taylor and Long's Music Speeches at Cambridge," 1819, 8vo.; in conjunction with Dr. Parr.

66. "Four Sermons, by Dr. Taylor, and Bishops Lowth and Hayter," 8vo.; in conjunction with the same learned Divine.

67. Explanation of the Subjects of Hogarth's Plates, for the complete and new edition of them, as engraved by Hogarth and retouched by Heath, folio. 1822.

68. "Progresses of Queen Elizabeth" New edition, 3 vols. 4to. 1823.

69. "Progresses of James the First." 4 vols. 4to.; were nearly completed by Mr. Nichols, and published after his death.

In this work Mr. Nichols was very materially assisted by his grandson J. Gough Nichols, then a very young man.

70. A portion of the fifth volume of "Literary Illustrations" was printed before Mr. Nichols's death.

71. "Birthday Odes and Domestic Poems, by the late John Nichols, F.S.A." 1827. [Privately printed after Mr. Nichols's death.]

The following works, edited by J. Bowyer Nichols, and printed during the lifetime of his father, had the benefit of his kind revision through the press:—

1. The Second Edition of Hutchins's History of Dorsetshire, Vols. III. and IV. This work was undertaken at the cost and risk of Major-Gen. John Bellasis, who prevailed on Richard Gough, esq. (who, with other friends, had edited in 1774 the first edition of that work) to become the editor of the new edition. Mr. Gough, with his usual ardour, proceeded with the work, assisted by several antiquaries in Dorsetshire, and, in 1796, published the first volume, which, in 1804, was followed by the second volume. But in 1808 three events occurred within a short time of each other that put a stop to the progress of the work. The first was the commencement of the serious illness of Mr. Gough, which only terminated with his death. The second was the complete destruction by fire of all the unsold copies of Vols. I. and II., and of all the part of the third volume that was edited by Mr. Gough and not published; and the third was the lamented death of Major-Gen. Bellasis, who was to supply the funds to complete the work. He died Feb. 18, 1808, just ten days after the work was destroyed by fire.

About 112 copies had been called for by purchasers; and, in

1811, Mr. Nichols issued proposals to print that number of copies of the third and fourth volumes to perfect the sets of the work already in the hands of the purchasers. This labour was undertaken, at a cost not nearly remunerative, from motives thus expressed by Mr. Nichols: "An ardent desire to do honour to the memory of Mr. Hutchins; to the filial piety of his son-in-law Major-Gen. Bellasis; and to the unremitting exertions of my excellent friend Mr. Gough in his improvement; also to do justice to those who had already purchased the former volumes, that the world might not be deprived of so important a link in British Topography."

This eventually was carried out by J. B. Nichols, who became editor of the work after Mr. Gough's death, and published the third volume in 1813, the fourth volume in 1815, and an Appendix, containing additions and corrections, and general indexes, in the same year. The surviving editor has the satisfaction to know that it is one of the best and scarcest works on topography; it is also one of the highest in price whenever a copy occurs for sale.

2. The Life and Errors of John Dunton, Citizen of London, with the Lives and Characters of more than 1,000 contemporary Divines, and other persons of literary eminence; to which are added, Dunton's Conversation in Ireland; Selections from his other genuine Works. By J. B. Nichols. Prepared from copious memoirs of the author, with his portrait.

3. A brief Account of the Guildhall of the City of London. By J. B. Nichols, 1819.

4. The Athenian Oracle abridged; containing the most valuable Questions and Answers in the original Works on History, Philosophy, Divinity, Law, and Marriage, 8vo. 1820. Originally published by John Dunton. This work is commended by the Rev. T. D. Fosbroke in *Gent. Mag.* 1820, ii. 241.

5. Account of the Royal Hospital and Collegiate Church of St. Katharine, near the Tower of London, 4to. 1824.

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Pp. 87, 539. Anecdotes by Mr. Cole of many of his contemporaries have already been inserted in the "Literary Anecdotes," see Index, vol. VII. Other extracts, chiefly of a personal character, shall here be given, premising that fuller accounts of the persons spoken of will be found in Cole's MSS., at the British Museum; or in Sir Egerton Brydges's "Restituta." 4 vols. 1814-18.

Richard *Bentley*, Esq., and Horace *Walpole*.—"Mr. Bentley is the son of Dr. Richard Bentley, and a most ingenious, lively man. Has been imprudent: lived some time at Holt Castle in Worcestershire, by permission of the last Lord Montford: married imprudently, and lived two or three years in the south of France; afterwards at Teddington, near Twickenham, being much acquainted with Mr. Horace *Walpole*, who told me some eight years ago that their friendship was cooled on account of his being

forward to introduce his wife at his house when people of the first fashion were there, and which he thought ill-judged. Mr. W. told me, that his chief subsistence then was a place he had procured for him of about £100 per annum. Mr. Bentley printed his *Lucan* at Mr. W.'s press at Strawberry Hill, by which Mr. B. told me he got about £40. He lives now in Abingdon Street, near New Palace Yard, Westminster; and has a son Richard at Westminster School, of thirteen years of age, and a smart boy he is, and several daughters. His wife seems an agreeable woman; and he is a very easy, amiable man—now of a sedate and cool, well-tempered genius, which I have heard was formerly more volatile: but years have ripened and sweetened his character. He showed me an old steel seal of his father's, three bends. Mr. Gray was his great acquaintance, whose *Odes* he has beautified by his designs. He told me he designed the Gothic architecture in the house of Strawberry Hill, both inside and outside, and paintings on the ceilings.

“Mr. Bentley said that Walpole was the best letter-writer that ever took pen in hand; that he wrote with the greatest ease imaginable, with company in the room, and even talking to other people at the time: that he had a great loss when, some time ago, he demanded all his letters of him, which were sent to him, and refused returning those of his writing: that his ‘*History of Painters*’ did him no credit, as we really have had none, and that it was an history of Flemish and other artists who had been in England. I told him that it was spread thick with curious anecdotes, and pleasingly embellished. He admired the ‘*Noble Authors*’ much. He thought whim, caprice, and pride, were too predominant in him; but that he had many amiable virtues and qualities, and was always ready to take an hint, when composing, from his friends, and make improvement of it.

“Mr. Bentley said that his ‘*Mock Patriotism*’ had been 10,000*l.* out of his way; for that he lost a place for composing [a pamphlet] and was not recompensed by those of whom he had written in favour.”

Dr. John *Byrom*.—“Inventor of the Universal English Short-hand, and author of the celebrated pastoral, ‘*My time, O ye Muses,*’ &c. He was a very tall, thin man: I remember him coming to Cambridge, and reading lectures on short-hand, and teaching it there.” He died Sept. 28, 1763.

Rev. J. *Colson*; Mr. *De Moivre*.—“Mr. Colson was vicar of Chalke, near Gravesend. I think he was of neither University: a plain, honest man, of great industry and assiduity; but the University was much disappointed in their expectations of a Plumian Professor that was to give credit to it by his lectures. He was opposed by old Mr. *De Moivre*, who was brought down to Cambridge, and created M.A. when he was almost as much fit for his coffin: he was a mere skeleton, nothing but skin and bones, and looked wretchedly, not unlike his mezzo-

tinto print which I have of him. Mr. Colson died at Cambridge, Jan. 1760, rector of Lockington, in Yorkshire."

John Gilbert *Cooper*, Fellow-Commoner of Trinity College.—"Changed his name from Gilbert to Cooper for an estate. He is a lively young man—but a most accomplished coxcomb; yet a good scholar. He travelled abroad, after he left College, and at his return married, and published some poetry. Author of 'The Life of Socrates,' 8vo. 1749."

Hon. F. *Cornwallis*, Abp. of Canterbury, 1769.—"This worthy nobleman and prelate was educated at Eton School, and afterwards fellow of Christ's College, where I had the honour of being much acquainted with him, being my schoolfellow and contemporary at the University, where no one was more beloved, or bore a better character than he did. Towards the latter part of his residence, he had the misfortune to have a stroke of the palsy, which took away the use of his right hand, and obliged him to write with his left, which he did very expeditiously; and I have often had the honour to play at cards with him, when it was wonderful to see how dexterously he would shuffle and play them. He was prebendary of Lincoln; and after he was promoted to the see of Lichfield and Coventry he married one of the Townshend family, and on the death of Abp. Secker, was appointed to succeed him."

Sir Francis Blake *Delaval*, K.B. Pembroke Hall.—"He died of an apoplectic fit at Lord Mexborough's, on Wednesday se'n-night. Acquired his ribband in the noblest way: it was given him on his return from the coast of France, where he had served as a volunteer, and distinguished himself bravely. In private life he was open, tender, generous, and sincere: an enemy but to one man on earth, and a friend to every human creature: a patron to all ingenious devices, and the very soul of frolic and amusement: he overbalanced a few foibles by a thousand amiable qualities: so friendly to mankind, there was scarcely anything he would not undertake, even to serve a stranger. He who writes this knew him from his birth, and has known very few so amiable."

William *Disney*, Fellow of Trinity Coll. 1773, S.T.B. Hebrew Professor.—"He is my very worthy friend, son to Mr. Joseph Disney, rector of Cranbrook in Kent, who is son to my predecessor, Mr. Matthew Disney, rector of Blecheley, in Bucks. The Professor was long curate of Adderbury in Oxfordshire, where he was in the acquaintance of the Hon. Charles Townshend, whose death was a great loss to him, and who had recommended him to his brother, the Viceroy of Ireland; who, thinking it had been his brother's friend, gave a good living in that kingdom to a Mr. Disney, for whom some one else also had applied. However, he got a living in Lincolnshire, 1772. He is a very modest, decent, well-behaved man." [He was afterwards rector of Pluckley in Kent. See ample pedigrees of the family of

Disney, in "Hutchins's History of Dorsetshire," 2nd edition, iv. pp. 389—396.]

Rev. John *Dodd* and Horace *Walpole*.—"Mr. Dodd was my fellow-collegian and school-fellow at Eton; a man universally beloved; lively, generous, and sensible. I think his father kept an inn at Chester; but a Judge Dodd, of that county, related to him, left him his large fortune. He had a wretched tutor at college, John *Whaley*, who would have ruined most other people; but Mr. Dodd's natural good sense got the better of his vile example. Mr. *Walpole* and Mr. Dodd, while at college, were united in the strictest friendship. On February 14, 1782, I received a letter from the former, the postscript of which was as follows: he had been telling me of his regimen for the gout; one material part of which was, cold water inwardly and outwardly.

"P.S. My old friend and acquaintance, Mr. Dodd, died last Sunday, (Feb. 10, 1782) not of cold water. He and I were born on the very same day, but took to different elements. I doubt he had hurt his fortune, as well as health."

James *Hayes*, Esq. of Holyport, near Windsor, *olim* Fellow of King's College.—"My most esteemed and worthy friend, school-fellow, and fellow-collegian; one of the most humane, liberal, and ingenious of the society I ever remember: son of Mr. Hayes, of Holyport, a lawyer. About May 16, 1778, being then a Welch judge, he was appointed by his Majesty to be first Justice for Anglesey, Carnarvon and Merionethshire: he was before the second Justice. About 1777, one of his agreeable daughters married Mr. Rutherford Abdy, son of the late Dr. Rutherford, and nephew of Sir Anth. Thos. Abdy, Bart."

Soame *Jenyns*, one of the Lords of Trade, St. John's College.—"Mr. Jenyns is the author of several poetical as well as prose performances, published separately without his name, and afterwards by Dodsley in his Collection; and since collected altogether in one pocket volume, without his name, but the author's arms only on the title-page, viz., three bezants on a fesse. The first performance in the poetical way which appeared was his "Essay on Dancing," which is well esteemed of in its way: and indeed one would wonder that it should be otherwise, inasmuch as the author seems calculated in nature, person, and manner to excel in that exercise; and if a person who did not know him was to be asked, on seeing him dressed, what was his profession, I think it is ten to one but that he would say he was a dancing-master. He has the misfortune to be extremely short-sighted, a circumstance not unusual with eyes formed as his are, which are very projecting; and, though he has a large wen on his neck, which a grave and even no very large wig would cover or hide, yet the predominancy of dress is such, that a small, little bag pig-tail wig is preferred, by which means the aforesaid blemish is visible to every one. Mr. Jenyns is a man of a lively fancy and pleasant turn of wit; very sparkling in conversation, and full of many conceits and agreeable drollery, which is heightened by his par-

ticular inarticulate manner of speaking through his broken teeth ; and all this is mixed with the utmost good nature and humanity, having hardly ever heard him severe upon any one, and by no means satirical in his mirth and good humour."

Robert *Lamb*, Bishop of Peterborough.—"Died in the first week of November, 1769, at Hatfield, being taken ill on horseback in the field while hunting : a bon-vivant, by which he injured his health—but much esteemed. His brother was the late Sir Matthew, steward and agent for the Earl of Salisbury, who died very rich a little before him. Both said to be ignorant in their professions, one as a divine—the other as a lawyer."

Mr. John *Le Neve*, and Bp. *Kennet*.—"Fasti Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, &c., attempted by John Le Neve, gent., late Fellow Commoner of Trinity College, in Cambridge. In the Savoy, 1716, fol. dedicated to Bishop Fleetwood, in which and in the preface he gives you to understand that his enemies, in order to put a stop to the work, maliciously contrived his imprisonment, in order to ruin both the author and the design. He says Bishop Kennet was the great and principal contributor to the work from his vast collections ; and indeed I have heard Mr. Browne Willis say that, although Mr. Le Neve had the name and credit of the work, yet Bishop Kennet was the real author of it. I have added a pretty deal to it, which I may possibly some time or other extract from it, and put into some of my other MSS., that they may not be lost on the dispersion of my books."

Nathaniel *Lloyd*, Knt. LL.D. Master of Trinity Hall. Formerly Fellow of All Souls College, in Oxford, son of Sir Richard Lloyd, Knt. Chancellor of Durham and Dean of the Arches.—"Sir Nathaniel was admitted to this mastership June 20, 1710 ; and after having kept it twenty-five years, he resigned it on the 1st of October, 1735. During his being master he was a very liberal benefactor, but proved much more so at his death."

Thomas *Lowndes*, Esq., of Overton, in Cheshire.—"Founded the Astronomy Professorship in 1749 (v. 'Carter's Cambridge,' p. 460). I once was with him, with my most worthy friend the late Dr. Conyers Middleton ; we were then together in the Court of Requests, and he was then soliciting with printed papers some project about Salt, which he was distributing to the Members of Parliament as they passed. Dr. Middleton was tired of his company, and soon shook him off, looking upon him as a whimsical, odd kind of man, and a professed projector. He was then dressed very ordinarily. In Mr. West's Catalogue, 1773, No. 157, p. 8, is a pamphlet, called 'Lowndes's Improvement of Brine Salt,' 1746, 4to. I know this was a favourite project of his."

Charles *Mason*, D.D. Trinity College.—"My worthy friend Dr. Mason is a man of singular ingenuity and parts, and of as singular oddity. All honesty, bluntness, and rusticity, both in his person and behaviour. He is of Shropshire ; was Woodwardian Professor, which, with a senior Fellowship of Trinity College, he gave up for a wife at the age of about 65, with venerable grey

hairs. She is of an excellent person and good accomplishments, and makes the doctor an admirable wife; her name was Graham, a natural daughter, as I have been told, of the Ormond family—of the name of Butler. The doctor lives now wholly at his rectory of Orwell, but has been in a declining way these twenty months, (I write this, Jan. 27, 1769,) and does not the parochial duty himself. He has large collections of the history of this county, both of his own collecting and those of Mr. Rutherford, of Passworth, given to him by Professor Rutherford, his son. The doctor has also made great progress in a map of Cambridgeshire on a large scale, which I have often seen at his chambers. He has a great turn for mechanics, and had a forge in his apartments for iron works; and by his hands one would think he had actually served an apprenticeship to a blacksmith, and never occupied any other profession.—Poor Dr. Mason died at Orwell, on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1770, after a very painful and tedious illness; his chief complaint was a dropsy. He had been scarified at his lodgings in Cambridge about August, and soon after went to Orwell. His death was expected day after day for these six months, and if he had not been of a most athletic constitution, he could never have held out so long against the opinion of all the faculty at Cambridge, who all had sentenced him so often, that they began to suspect the rules of their art.”

Wm. *Mason*, of Pembroke Hall.—“He was esteemed at college, where I had the good fortune to be acquainted with him, to be one of the chief ornaments of the University; is now married, and preferred in Yorkshire by Lord Holderness, and Precentor of York. His friend Mr. *Gray*, of the same college, dying 1771, left him £500, all his books, MSS., musical instruments, medals, &c., and executor to do with his papers as he should judge proper. On Friday, Jan. 7, 1774, I was assured for certain that he was the author of “The Heroic Epistle,” &c. 1773. When I read it, I easily saw the reason of its great character, exclusive of its being well written, in fine poetry; and running through so many editions. Satire and ill-nature are always acceptable. The king himself is not spared in several places of this short and snarling poem; so his ministers need not grumble that they are under the lash. He shows himself too much of a party-man throughout. I am sorry for it, as I had a great veneration for his character. He denies it.—14th edit. in 1777.”

Thomas James *Mathias*, Trinity College, 1779.—Son of Vincent Mathias, Esq., receiver at the office of Queen Anne’s Bounty. They are of a musical family. Mr. Mathias, of Trinity, is a small, thin man, very ingenious, and has gained many of the prizes and academical honours. In 1779 he printed this Oration in quarto of seven pages—“*Oratio habita in sacello Coll. Trin. Cant. Festo S.S. Trinitatis redeunte 1779.*”

John *Milner*, Jesus’ College.—“In or about 1774 he was presented to a college living, and died about the end of June, 1779, of a dropsy, occasioned by his drinking too great quantities of

small beer. He was an excellent botanist, and a worthy man; of a large size, and black complexion."

Cæsar *Morgan*, 1780. "See Critical Review, 1780, p. 67; and Monthly Review, 1780, p. 479."—[I remember him minor canon of Ely in 1782; and afterwards prebendary there. He was a learned man, an indefatigable student, and published a volume of very dull Poems, &c.—SIR E. BRYDGES.]

James *Nasmith*, Bene't College.—"Junior-proctor, 1771. Born at Norwich, of dissenting parents. His father is a considerable carrier from Norwich to London, whose father came out of Scotland. His father sent him for about a year to a school at Amsterdam, and then admitted him at college. He is my particular friend and acquaintance; a very worthy and honest man; no great admirer of the present church establishment, as may be conjectured, yet not outrageous, as many whose education was not with dissenters. He is now concerting an exchange with Dr. Warren for the rectory of Snailwell, co. Camb."—COLE.

["I remember him in 1795 or 1796, still resident at Snailwell. He was much respected. His person and manner and habits were plain, in conformity to Cole's description. He was also an intelligent and active magistrate. In latter life he removed, if I recollect, to better preferment near Wisbeach."—SIR E. BRYDGES.]

Philip *Nichols*, LL.D., Fellow of Trinity Hall.—"Those articles signed P. in the "Biographia Britannica" (old edition) are of his composing. He also corrected the articles signed Z. which were composed by a lawyer, who died before his articles were completed. For a corrected list of the authors of the Biographia Britannica, see "Gent. Mag." for 1779, pp. 173, 288, and 489. He was brought from Oxford by a lapse, by the master of Trinity Hall, Sir Nath. Lloyd, on which account, it was said, that Sir Nathaniel left the college so much, to indemnify them and repair the injury of his disgrace. He was in priest's orders."

Andrew *Perne*, Fellow of Peter House.—"Mr. Perne was a very good sort of cheerful man; and I was much obliged to him many years ago for the gift of a good part of the original MSS. of "Mr. Layer's History of Cambridgeshire," which he met with as waste paper at an apothecary's at Royston. Junior Taxor, 1733. He died 1773, and left a son at Peterhouse, who is now married to one of the name of Smith, near Bungay, and lives in his house at Little Abington, in which I was born—the house at Bournbridge, standing on the confines of that and Baberham, where my father's house and farm lay. His brother, John Perne, had a son at Oxford, who died, and two daughters; so that their elder brother's estate at Knapwell was sold and divided."

Dr. Roger *Petteward* and Dr. Thomas *D'Oyly*.—"Roger Petteward, D.D., Trinity College, succeeded as Chancellor of the diocese of Chichester in 1725. He was Chancellor in 1758. I was well acquainted with him at Trinity College in Cambridge, where he was Fellow, and much esteemed, and afterwards changed his name from Mortlock to Petteward, on a very large fortune being

left him by an uncle. He is married and now lives at Putney. [His widow died at Putney about three years ago. His son Roger Petteward, Esq., resides at the family seat in Suffolk. [Mr. R. *Petteward* died July 30, 1833. See this volume, p. 507; and an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1833, ii. 370.]—SIR E. BRYDGES.] He is still Chancellor, January 22, 1762, though Mr. Willis in a list says, that “Thomas *D'Oyly*, LL.D., is the present Chancellor, 1754, who succeeded about 1743, as I suppose.” This *D'Oyly* is Archdeacon of Lewes and Prebendary of Ely, having married a niece of Bishop Mawson. I remember to have dined with him at his chambers in All Souls College, he being a Fellow of that College, many years ago, having made an acquaintance with him at Bath: and is esteemed a very worthy man.”

Dr. Charles *Plumptre*, D.D., Archdeacon of Ely 1771, Rector of St. Mary Woolnoth, London.—“Son of Mr. Plumptre, M.P. for Nottingham; educated at Mr. Newcome's school at Hackney, then sent to Clare Hall, where he was my fellow collegian, and took his first degree in Arts there, where he was much in the familiarity, friendship, and acquaintance of his school-fellow, and my dear and ever-esteemed friend, Thomas Western, of Rivenhall, in Essex, Esq. He thence removed to a Fellowship of Queen's College, and was offered the Mastership of that College on the death of Mr. Sedgwick, but had the address to get his brother Robert Plumptre, who married my nephew Newcome's sister, elected in his stead: he rather choosing to attach himself in his London situation to his great friend Mr. Charles Yorke, who died, unluckily for him, just as he was made Lord Chancellor of England. The old Lord Hardwicke had given him very early the rectory of Wimpole, and got him the adjoining parish of Whaldon. Wimpole he quitted, and was succeeded in it by his brother Robert, now Master of Queen's. He is now beneficed in London, Archdeacon of Ely, and D.D. How he quitted the chaplainship of Archbishop Secker is related in another place. He is a very worthy man, thin and sharp-nosed, as is his brother; which is a presumptive argument with me, though by no means an infallible one, that the owners of such noses are apt to be snappish, peevish, and positive.”

Sir Samuel *Prynne*, Sergeant-at-Law.—“Educated at St. John's College, born at Bury St. Edmund's, son of a tallow-chandler. He flung up his profession in disgust that Lord Camden was put over his head—and married the widow Shepherd, of Suffolk, with a jointure of 1,800*l.* a-year, the daughter of Mr. Wilmot, of Banstead, an heiress of 20,000*l.* He bought the estate at Whitton, in Twickenham, Middlesex, formerly Sir Godfrey Kneller's; and died at Whitton, 24th Feb. 1776, leaving a son, formerly of St. John's College, to whom he bequeathed 70,000*l.*”

Thomas *Salisbury*, LL.D.—“Fellow of Trinity Hall, in Cambridge, where I was well acquainted with him, succeeded to the Chancellorship of the diocese of St. Asaph about 1744, and is since knighted, having married the daughter of Sir Henry

Penrice, by whom he had a large fortune. He is the present worthy Chancellor, and Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, Jan. 20, 1762."

Thomas *Salmon*.—"He was son of Mr. Salmon, Rector of Meppershall, Beds, who brought him up to no learned profession, yet he had no small turn for writing: witness his numerous productions from the press, most of which were produced while he lived in Cambridge, where at last he kept a small coffee-house; but having not sufficient custom he removed to London. He had formerly been much on the sea, and had resided in both Indies for some time, as he often told me.—*v.* 'Hist. of Bene't College,' p. 366."

Rev. Nathaniel *Salmon*, Bene't College.—"Brother to the last, who told me the following particulars relating to him: that he was educated in Bene't College, where his tutors were Dean Moss and Archdeacon Lunn; that he was LL.B. and after having taken orders, was for some time Curate at Westmill, in Hertfordshire; and that, having taken the abjuration oath to King William, he refused to do the same to his successor, Queen Anne, on which account, being disabled to officiate in his profession, he applied himself to the study of physic, which he practised at Bishop Stortford. He was offered by a friend a living in Suffolk of the value of 140*l.* per annum, if he would have taken the necessary qualifications; but this he refused to do. He afterwards removed to London, where he died in April, 1743, and was buried in St. Dunstan's church, leaving behind him three daughters. See Gough's 'Brit. Topog.'"

Mr. Nathaniel *Samm* and Mr. Joseph *Ames*, Mr. John *Nickolls* and Mr. James *West*.—"Nathaniel Samm, Quaker, of Bartholomew Close. I put him down here, because about 1738 he resided, as I am told by Dr. Ewin, whose father was well acquainted with him, at Cambridge, where he was taken so ill that his life was despaired of. He was by profession a Quaker; but by the inventory of his goods and wearing apparel it looks as if he did not follow their mode in dress. He was a man of taste or vertù, and one of the greatest collectors in his way that ever was; inso-much that he injured his fortunes by them. He had quantities of medals, ores, shells, jewels, pictures, enamels, prints, and some books. He was a bachelor; and dying with a will made at Cambridge, as I take it, thirty years ago, his mother being then appointed executrix, his effects fell into the hands of a person who made a public auction of them by Mr. Langford, in the Great Piazza in Covent Garden, which began on Wednesday, August 3, and was not finished till Monday, August 15, 1768, being nine days in selling. Even his old shoes were sold, which, however, were not mentioned in the catalogue. Though Mr. Samm had such a choice collection of everything that was rare, he kept them all to himself, and shewed them to no one; which was as singular as one of his profession taking such a vain turn; yet I knew another instance or two of the same sort. Mr. Joseph *Ames*,

who printed an account of Printing in England, though many years secretary to the Antiquary Society, was as illiterate as one can conceive. I have received many letters from him which are not English, and are full of false spelling: * yet he was a very curious and ingenious person, and to his dying day kept a sort of patten or hardware shop at Wapping, where I have often called upon him to look over his old books and prints, and have bought many pounds' worth of English heads of him; for he would sell anything. He was an Independent by profession, or Anabaptist, but a deist by conversation. This man carried me once to see the finest collection of English heads, I mean as to the binding of the volumes, and letting in of the prints, which were all surrounded by a painted sort of frame, and belonged to one John Nickolls [see Lit. An. vol. VII. p. 222], a Quaker also, then lately deceased,† who lived I think in Cannon-street, and were then on sale, and purchased, I believe, by the ingenious Mr. James West, of Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, and member for St. Alban's,‡ who died last year, and though immensely rich, his books, curiosities, prints, &c. were sold by auction in February and March, 1773; his prints alone, as Mr. Horace Walpole wrote to me, were sold for the frantic sum of 1,500*l.* within 4*l.* or 5*l.* A coin of Oliver Cromwell, viz. his crown-piece, sold for 60 guineas."

Christopher Smart, Fellow of Pembroke Hall, Aug. 24, 1750. — "Educated under Mr. Dongworth,§ at Durham. The Cambridge Chronicle, May 25, 1771, says, 'On Tuesday last died in London Mr. Chr. Smart, M.A., a gentleman eminently distinguished in the literary world for his poetical abilities. His five prize poems on the attributes of the Supreme Being, which he wrote during his residence in the university, sufficiently testify his

* See Mr. Ames's letter to Sir Peter Thompson, in a future page.

† Mr. John Nickolls, F.R.S. and F.S.A. died on the 11th Jan. 1745-6, and on the 15th of the same month Mr. Ames announced to the Society of Antiquaries that Mr. Nickolls senior (his father) had presented to that learned body the originals of "Milton's State Papers," which had been edited by the son in 1743. (See in the Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries, vol. iii. p. 9, some observations upon these very valuable MSS. by John Bruce, esq. Treas.S.A.)

‡ Mr. Cole was wrong in supposing that this gentleman's collection of Portraits came into the possession of Mr. James West, some time Pres. R.S. Mr. Granger says, in the preface to the second edition of his Biographical History, "I was assured, from what I thought the most unquestionable authority [this was probably Cole, who materially assisted Granger,] that this collection, whence Mr. Ames took his Catalogue ('A Catalogue of English Heads, or an Account of about 2000 Prints,' &c. 1748. 8vo. See Lit. Anecd. v. 267,) was purchased by Mr. West." He afterwards learned that it had been purchased for eighty guineas, from Mr. Nickolls's father, by Dr. Fothergill, in whose possession it was seen by Dr. Ducarel, on the 26th of December 1771. It appears further (see Literary Anecdotes, vol. ii. p. 160,) that on Dr. Fothergill's death in 1780 the same collection was bought by Thane the printseller, and by him cut up and dispersed. It had been bound in ten volumes, four of which were of folio size and six of quarto. Mr. West's collection, which was cut up and sold in 1773, was in twenty-three volumes folio. It had been of great use to Granger in the compilation of his Biographical History.

§ See Lit. Anecd. VIII. 554.

powers as a writer.' Mr. Smart was a little, smart, black-eyed man. He made the following epigram upon squinting John Wilkes:—

“ His eyes are surely of the amorous kind,
For to each other they are still inclined.”

The ‘Pretty Bar-keeper’ was written by him, and printed under the name of ‘Lun,’ *Gent. Mag.* 1782, p. 126.”

Sir Robert *Smyth*, Bart. of Trinity College.—“ My most worthy, lively, and ingenious friend was of Trinity College; married to Lady Louisa Hervey, daughter to the Earl of Bristol; built and added greatly to the late Sir John Jacob’s house at Wrating, now sold to Mr. Shafto. Sir R. S. bought it, to be near the late Lord Montfort at Horseth; but now lives at Bury, 1778, selling it on his lady’s death, and on that of the late Lord Montfort. I have elsewhere mentioned this worthy baronet’s genteel taste and elegant library, and his turn for antiquities—indeed it was he that gave me the first relish for them, going often out with him to churches and other places in quest of them, especially in the neighbourhood of Wrating and Horseth. He has a nephew of both his names, now in Italy with his lady, 1778; and was also of Trinity College: his seat is near Colchester. *Vide Drake’s ‘Eboracum,’ Pref.*”

Sir Philip *Sydenham*, Bart. of Brimpton, Somersetshire.—“ Born, I believe, between 1680 and 1690; for when I first knew him, in 1726, he seemed between forty and fifty. Died a bachelor about 1744. His estate of £4,000 a-year he much wasted by expensive living and freakish generosity. Being disappointed in love with a lady, after the match was agreed on, affected his brain. Sold the remains of his estate to his cousin Humphrey Sydenham, Esq., M.P. for Exeter in several Parliaments, only reserving £400 a-year for his life. Drank very freely; loved books of English antiquities—collected a large library of such and of divinity, of which last he gave away many to private clergymen. Most of his books remained many years packed up in boxes, and were so when he died, he having no house to put them in, living in lodgings in various places in Holborn, Hadley, Whetstone, Friern-Barnet. Superstitious—died a Roman Catholic: never did any one considerable deed of charity, as I heard, but gave away many half-crowns to the poor, and to drawers at taverns, where he generally dined. His brain unsettled—I never heard he was confined. He was not like me, for he had no terror on his mind, or lost his limbs. I was much trusted by him, and I never imposed on him, or I might have got much from him by asking at proper times: but others I believe did.”—From a MS. addition to Mr. Haslewood’s copy of Lloyd’s *Worthies*.

Sir George *Savile*, Bart., Queen’s College, 1780.—“ A most ingenious man, but a flaming patriot, which means more with us than the original word conveys. I knew him, and often met him at Mat. Robinson’s, [afterwards 2nd Lord Rokeby] of Trinity Hall, with whom he used to play at chess. There is a picture of

him in his Doctor of Law's robes in the audit-room of Queen's College; and the last time I dined at Mr. Greaves's, at Fulbourn, on account of his enthusiasm for patriotism, I observed that he had a copy of it, together with many other patriots—Oliver Cromwell, Hampden, Hollis, Pym, Algernon Sydney, Lord Russell, &c."

Anthony *Shepherd*, D.D. Fellow of Christ's College, 1772.—
"In 1774, Captain Cook, in his voyage round the world, discovered some small islands in the South Seas, near the Isle of Apee, one of the New Hebrides, which, in honour of Dr. Shepherd, he called after his name. [See Lit. Anecd. VIII. 395.]

James *Six*, A.M.—This ingenious young man was a native of Canterbury, and educated at the public school of that city, and afterwards at Trinity Coll. Cambridge, of which he became Fellow. He died at Rome, 1786, being then tutor to the present Sir John Stanley of Alderley, Bart. [See memoir of Mr. Six, in Lit. Anec. vol. IX. pp. 348—350.]

John *Smith*, A.M. Sen. Bursar and Fellow of King's, 1768.—He published "A Letter to the Author of a further Inquiry into the right of Appeal from the Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge in Matters of Discipline. London, 1752." This sensible pamphlet is written against Dr. Chapman, the pragmatistical and insolent Master of Magdalen, who is truly characterised and handled in it. Mr. Smith is a layman; always a steady, rational, and judicious man. Formerly, some thirty years ago, ranked among the Tory part of the College, which was the honest one; and, when the management got into the hands of the younger and Whig party, they were always glad of his judgment, and have to this day been forced to be guided by his good understanding; he was always cool and temperate; no great talker, but a most shrewd and sensible thinker. He is, and has been, Bursar for the College these many years; though for about ten or twelve years last past been much afflicted with a lowness of spirits. Exercise on horseback he daily takes, and the time he spends not in the College is near St. Alban's in Hertfordshire, his native county, with an old sea-faring gentleman, who is expected to leave his great wealth of 30 or 40,000*l.* to Mr. Smith, if he should survive him.—Mr. Smith has survived him, and quitted a society which, though he had much benefited, yet could not be pleasant to him. The succession fell to him, as expected, and he lives on the estate. The College, a year or two before he left it, gave him a piece of plate, in acknowledgment for his services. I was always much acquainted with him, as much as it was possible to be acquainted with so shy and reserved a man. He was never communicative of his knowledge, or forward to show the College evidences, which he thought should not be divulged; and I never was eager or forward to ask, here or elsewhere, where there was not a disposition to be free and communicative. Messrs. Smith, Southernwood, Maule, and myself always dined at one another's room, a week at a time, by rotation. The College hour was then

twelve; we made it one; though irregular to dine out of the hall. He died at or near St. Alban's about 1773; left a legacy to the College, and, after some contingencies, the remainder to Mr. Betham, Fellow of Eton, a covetous old bachelor, of between 60 and 70 years of age." [This unkind allusion to the Rev. Edward Betham seems most unjust. See a high character of this benevolent divine in Lit. An. vol. VII. 514.]

Thomas *Thicknesse*.—"Who died young of an habitual complaint, and constant spitting of very white frothy saliva, for which he had a constant seton in his neck; yet was of a most lively, cheerful conversation. He had made great collections for a new edition of Theocritus, with notes: what became of his papers I know not; for I think he died in London. He was of a sanguine and ruddy complexion, but not so much so as [his brother] Ralph; and was for a few years vicar of Sawston, near Cambridge, whither I often attended him, as my old friend Mr. Richard Huddleston, though a Roman Catholic, was always desirous of his company after church. He was a great and most intimate friend of the present Bishop of Clogher, Dr. Garnet, who had a small picture of him in a cap, turned up with linen, and like him." [See account of him in Lit. An. IX. 251—257.]

Mr. G. *Tollet* and Mr. G. *Steevens*.—"He was a Fellow Commoner of King's College, and my contemporary, about 1745. A shy, reserved man, and of no genteel appearance or behaviour. He was much acquainted with the late Mr. Ewin, father of Dr. Ewin, whose sister told me, 1780, that the acquaintance began when she went to Stratford-le-Bow school, where Mr. Tollet's aunt (a little, crooked woman, but a sharp wit, and author of some poems in print) took notice of her. Mr. Tollet has many notes in Mr. *Steevens's* edition of Shakespeare; in the first volume of which he has an ingenious dissertation on the figures of some pantomimes in his house at Betley, in Staffordshire, a print of which morris-dancers is at the head of it, and sent to me by Mr. Steevens in September, 1780; who was also a Fellow Commoner of the same college, but came thither the year after I left it, viz., in 1753, as he told me at Dr. Lort's chambers in Trinity College. Mr. Tollet died Oct. 22, 1779." [See Lit. Anecd. IV. 274.]

Dr. Edward *Vernon*, Fellow of Trinity College.—"Dr. Vernon was my particular acquaintance. He was rector of St. George's, Bloomsbury, and of Orwell, in Cambridgeshire, and died a bachelor about 1761.* I have dined with a nephew of his name, and formerly of Trinity College in Cambridge, who lives in Ireland, where his father has a good estate; as also with a niece of the doctor's at his house in Bloomsbury, of the name of Yates. The doctor was a good antiquary, and of the Antiquarian Society in London. He told me he had a large quantity of original deeds relating to the estates of families near Newmarket, in Cambridge-

* See account of the sale of his library, Lit. An. III. 630, where he is said to have died in 1771 instead of 1761.

shire, which fell accidentally into his hands, and which he promised me the perusal of; but as I never inquired after them, probably since his death they may be dispersed. He was not a little vain of his extraction; and had collected very good materials towards a history of his family. I remember Mr. Allen told me that he had all the fine monuments in the church of Tonge in Shropshire taken by a good draughtsman, which church is full of very curious monuments of the Vernons; one of which see an account of in my 29th vol. p. 7, as also of another in Bakewell church in Derbyshire, in my vol. 35, p. 67, which I took at the request of the doctor, when I was going a progress into that part of England in 1749. Dr. Vernon was much chagrined at his college, which would not suffer him to hold his Fellowship, which he much wanted, together with the living of St. George, in Bloomsbury, and that of Orwell. He was a good-natured man, but not very decent in his profession; and who gave himself so great latitude in talking, that when he was ever so much in earnest, people did not care much to believe him."

John Walker, D.D. Trinity College.—"He was a Fellow of Trinity and a favourite of Dr. Bentley, and was distinguished by the name of Clarissimus Walker. In 1728 he was made Archdeacon of Hereford. When Dr. Bentley published his proposals, about 1716, for printing an edition of the New Testament, he tells the public in his proposals, that "The overseer and corrector of the press will be the learned Mr. John Walker, of Trinity College, Cambridge, who with great accurateness has collated many MSS. at Paris, for the present edition; and the issue of it, whether gain or loss, is equally to fall on him and the author."

Wm. Warren, LL.D. Trinity Hall.—"A most worthy and good man, and true friend. He died of a cancer in his mouth, which he had laboured under about two years in Cambridge, and returning to die in his native county, was not long there before it happened to him. *Vide* Dr. Middleton's "*Gemmæ quædam Antiquitatis eruditæ Monumenta*, p. 65." Dr. Warren was a good antiquary, and has made a collection of all that concerns the College, of which he was a respected member, in one folio volume, called *Collectanea*; of which I am promised a sight by Mr. Robinson: he left it by will to the Masters of this college. His brother, Dr. Richard Warren, of Cavendish, in Suffolk, is going to publish a small treatise, collected by Dr. William Warren, concerning the true situation of Granchester." [See Lit. Anecd. Index VII. 454. 706.]

Thomas Western, Esq. Clare Hall.—"I have heard his son, my dearest and most particular good friend, say, that Will. Whiston used frequently to be at their house, where he was always well received. Mr. Western was a particular friend of Mr. Addison, and wrote one or more of the papers which go under the name of the *Spectator*."—"His son and heir, my fellow collegiate at Clare Hall, where he was Fellow Commoner when I was pensioner, was of Riven-Hall, in Essex, where he lives in a

very retired way with his family upon a noble and fine estate : is a most worthy son of an ingenious father, being possessed largely of all those accomplishments which adorn the fine gentleman, without the pedantry or conceit of a scholar, to which title he has most undoubted pretensions. *Vide* "Spectator," No. 261, vol. iv. p. 42.

Rt. Hon. Edward *Weston*, Esq.—"Educated at Westminster, a very ingenious man, at first secretary to the Embassy at Turin ; afterwards for many years his Majesty's Envoy at the Court of Denmark. During the time that he was King's Scholar, he lived in the house with Bishop Atterbury, as tutor to his son, and his taste and learning were much improved by the Bishop's conversation. His plan of life, as laid down by himself, was to prosecute his studies at Cambridge till he should be 30 ; from 30 to 60 to be employed in public business ; at 60 to retire and return to College, for which purpose he should keep his Fellowship. This plan he nearly pursued : he kept his Fellowship ; he resigned his public employment ; but instead of returning to College, where in great measure there was a new society, and few or none were left of his own age and standing, he remained at Copenhagen, where, by his long residence, he was in a manner naturalised, and there lived and died, greatly respected and lamented by all ranks of people." [See Lit. Anecd. VII. 461. 709.]

John *Whalley*, Master of Peter House.—"Dr. Whalley died at his lodge, Monday, Dec. 12, 1748. He married a niece of Mrs. Newcome, wife of Dr. Newcome, Master of St. John's, and daughter of Archdeacon Squire, of Wells. He was born at Barnwell, near Cambridge, in his mother's way into Norfolk ; by which means he became a Cambridgeshireman, and entitled to his Fellowship : but his father lived and had a small estate at Cosgrove, in Northamptonshire." [See Lit. Anecd. VII. 462. 709.]

John *White*, B.D. St. John's.—"Died, in Oct. 1755, Rev. John White, rector of Stoke-Nayland, in Essex, and author of 'Letters to a Dissenting Gentleman,' and other pieces. This ingenious gentleman had been tutor to Mr. Soame Jenyns. His brother was vicar of Swaffham-Bulbeck."

Sir Wm. Peere *Williams*, Clare Hall.—"He was son of Sir Hutchins Williams, educated at Eton, then of Clare Hall, and was one of the prettiest figures of a man that could be seen. He was wild and extravagant, and not having an estate equal to the greatness of his condition, it is said that he went in the expedition to Bellisle, with a formed design not to return home again. His brother, Sir . . . Williams, who I think was of Oxford, though I have seen him at Cambridge, was a good person of a man ; but almost a natural. See Gray's Lines on Sir W. P. W. in his Poems."

Thomas Patrick *Young*, D.D. Prebendary of Westminster, Caius College.—"He died beginning of September, 1778, in the Cloisters, Westminster, having been ill for some time. A very worthy man. Went with his friend and patron, Lord Viscount

Townshend, into Ireland, but preferred English preferment to title. Norfolk man; nephew, I think, to Mr. and Mrs. Blomefield. Mr. Blomefield told me that Mr. Young by his instructions was, when a Scholar at Caius College, preparing a new edition of Heylyn's "Introduction to History," &c. He died a bachelor, and was rector of Berkhamstead." [See sale of his library, Lit. Anecd. III. 663.]

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For other Additions and Corrections to vol. VIII. see vol IX. pp. 673 to 722; and p. 807.

P. vi. l. 25, r. "Rotheram."

P. vii. l. 29, r. "Dawson."

P. 11, n. l. 28, for "——" r. "Sotheby."

P. 25, add "A Tragi-Comedie called THE WITCH, long since acted by His Maties servants at the Black Friars. Written by Tho. Middleton. 1778." 8vo. This was a republication by Mr. Isaac Reed; see Lit. Anecd. vol. II. p. 665.

P. 29, n. l. 3 from bottom, J. P. is Miss Jane Porter. She died May 24, 1850. See memoir of her in Gent. Mag. N. S. vol. XXXIV. p. 220, and a letter from her to Sir Egerton Brydges, *ibid.* p. 364.

P. 32, l. 12, for "D.D." r. "M.D."

Ibid. l. 4 from bottom, Edward Long. See account of him in Lit. An. vol. III. 182.

Ibid. n. § on James Vere. See hereafter, vol. IX. p. 677.

Ibid. l. 2 from bottom, for a correspondence of Mr. A. Dalrymple, see Literary Illustrations, vol. IV. p. 545.

P. 55, n. l. 11, for "Aug. 1779," r. "1799."

P. 57, n. l. 12, for "after," r. in "a cap and lay habit by."

P. 63, "The character of Lord Bristol" is printed in p. xi of this volume.

P. 64, n. l. 4 from bottom, Everton is in the counties both of Bedford and Huntingdon. See p. 758.

P. 77, l. 6, r. "Jodrell."

Ibid. n. l. 9, for "earliest," r. "second" production of Mr. Crabbe. The first was "Inebriety, a Poem," printed by Punchard, Ipswich.

P. 96, n. l. 1. r. "Dr. Thomas Powys;" l. 10, read "office."

P. 103, l. 4, add "vol. I."

P. 109, n. l. 11 from bottom, r. "with John the succeeding duke."

P. 113, l. 3. The "Archæological Epistle to Dean Milles" was written by Mr. Mason, but at the time of publication was attributed to Mr. John Baynes. See on the "Archæological Epistle," Walpole's Miscellaneous Correspondence, vol. vi. p. 169, letter to Cole. The following is extracted from the Quarterly Review for 1806, vol. xv. p. 355: "'An Archæological Epistle'

was an hasty, but animated effusion, drawn forth by the Rowleian controversy, and dressed in the garb of old English verse, in order to obviate the argument drawn from the *difficulty* of writing in a language of the 15th century." "The task might indeed have been performed by many, but the sentiments accorded with the known declarations of *Mason*."

In *Gent. Magazine* for April, 1817, is an article signed EBOR. on *Mason's Works and Will*. In the *Censura Literaria*, vol. v. p. 975, is a good life of *Mason*, signed M.

P. 117, last line, r. "For account of Rev. J. N. Puddicombe, see *Lit. Anecd. Index*, VII. 658."

P. 122, l. 10, r. "MONOBIBAOΣ."

P. 133. Mr. Ritson was born at Stockton, 10 miles from York, not "at Stockton-upon-Tees," as in vol. IX. p. 686.

P. 135, l. 19 from bottom, r. "Sept. 3, 1803."

P. 139, an account of the "monument" and epitaph to the memory of Sir John Fenn, in Finningham Church, Suffolk, was communicated by the Rev. W. Layton to the *Gentleman's Magazine* for July, 1814, p. 3.

P. 149, n. l. 2 from bottom, r. "Prophet."

P. 150, n. l. 20, r. "Comments."

P. 158, n. l. ult. r. "Mr. Harry Phillips."

P. 172, n. l. 22 from bottom, r. "costs."

P. 204. The correspondence of the Rev. Michael Tyson is continued at great length in "*Literary Illustrations*." See *Index*, VIII. 110.

P. 211, note. The widow of Dr. John Sumner, provost of King's College, died Nov. 13, 1802.

P. 212, n. l. 4, for "Oxford," r. "Cambridge."

P. 216, l. 25. "C. Smart:" see a note on this passage by Arch. Wrangham in vol. IX. p. 688.

P. 232, n. l. 11 from bottom, Dr. Samuel Shuckford died July 14, 1754. See *Chalmers's Biographical Dictionary*.

P. 263, n. l. 15 and 21, for "D. M." r. "Fidus," *i. e.* Rev. John Greene. See vol. VI. p. 618, and vol. VIII. p. 272, and this volume, p. 565.

Ib. note. The peculiarities of Mr. Etough were brought to light by the Rev. Mr. Duncombe in *Gent. Mag.* 1786, p. 25; and by Mr. Browne, p. 96. An able defence of Mr. Etough by D. M. appears in *Gent. Mag.* 1786, p. 281; and by *Fidus* (Rev. J. Greene), in p. 190.

P. 265, l. 6 from bottom. Matthew Concanen, Esq. Attorney-General of Jamaica, died Jan. 22, 1747. His poetical epitaph is copied into *Censura Literaria*, vii. 202, from "*Howard's Letters*." See *Chalmers's* account of him.

P. 267, l. 15 from bottom, add, "In the 3rd vol. of '*The Musical Miscellany*,' 12mo. Lond. 1730, p. 1, is a song translated from Mons. de la Motte, by Mr. W. Duncombe, entitled '*Cupid awaked*,' beginning with these words, '*As in a grove I lately stray'd*,'"

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P. 268, l. 23, r. "Rev. John Copping, Dean of Clogher, who died in 1743."

P. 276, l. 6, add, "The Rev. J. Greene, in a letter to Gent. Mag. 1786, p. 190, under the signature of Fidus, thus speaks of Mr. J. Duncombe's private virtues: 'An intimacy with Mr. Duncombe for 40 years entitles me to say that, in addition to a strong, natural, and highly cultivated understanding, he possessed a consummate sweetness of temper and a thorough goodness of heart.'"

P. 288, l. ult. add, "The Library of Mr. T. Gyll was sold April 5, 1803." See Surtees's History of Durham, vol. I. part I. p. 8.

P. 304, l. 5 from bottom, after "Miscellanies," add *

Ibid. l. 17. Richard Earl of Burlington died Dec. 4, 1753.

P. 311. The sub-note in this page is a mistake, which is corrected in p. 343.

P. 312, l. 14, for "si," r. "se."

P. 334, l. 2, for "Gillerton," r. "Gilbrow."

P. 335, l. 1, for "1784," r. "1804."

P. 337, l. 2, omit "and which."

P. 345, n. l. 13 from bottom, r. "Lindsey."

P. 350, l. 10, omit *

P. 367, l. 21 from bottom, r. "Bowers."

P. 369, l. 8, "Bellum Grammaticale." See vol. VIII. p. 761.

Ib. l. 26, r. "lætamini."

P. 379, l. 21, "Mrs. Newcome." The account of her death, on Aug. 18, 1794, is probably a mistake, as Dr. Newcome's lady died before him; see vol. I. p. 558. The death probably refers to some other Mrs. Newcome; but in Gent. Mag. 1796, p. 773, she is described as the widow of the Dean of Rochester.

Ibid. l. 47, Mr. Mainwaring also published (anonymously) a Life of Handel, 8vo. Lond. 1760.

P. 399, l. 3 from bottom, after Ibid. add l. 36.

P. 403, l. 8 from bottom, add pp. 192, 193.

P. 467, l. 10, add "Bromley Vicarage was 30%." &c.

Ib. l. 19, r. "Sept. 19."

P. 409, omit last 5 lines, the note being already printed in vol. II. p. 722.

P. 417, l. 12 from bottom, for "Edward," r. "Edmund."

Ib. l. 3 from bottom, add, "559."

P. 419 (also in vol. II. p. 601), for "Stainford," r. "Stainforth."

P. 421, l. 23, T. M. was the Rev. Thomas Martyn, Professor of Botany. See Index, VII. p. 255.

P. 422, l. 9 from bottom. This remark by the Rev. G. Ashby (Taylor's Friend) had already been printed in vol. III. p. 14.

P. 428, l. 12, add, "in 1745, was a candidate," &c.

P. 428. The following characteristic letter of the Rev. Henry Taylor, addressed to Dr. Richard Newcome, Bishop of St. Asaph, soliciting preferment for his son, is printed in Gent. Mag. 1816, part II. p. 292:—

"To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph, at Whitchurch, Salop.

"MY LORD,

"After many attempts to write to your Lordship, I have at last, by mere dint of resolution, forced myself upon it; and therefore, if I commit a fault, I hope you will give me leave to plead St. Paul's excuse, that it is not I, but something else that dwelleth in me. What it is your Lordship will easily investigate, when I inform you that my eldest son is in Orders, and ready to labour in the Vineyard, if he could but find a Vineyard to labour in.

"What can a man do in such circumstances? If he applies to nobody, out of a modest delicacy, he will certainly get nothing: if he stays till he has a right to apply to any one, he will stay all his life-time: if he applies where he has no right, he will be looked upon as impertinent.

"If your Lordship was but as much obliged to me and my family as I am to you and yours, I should make no scruple of speaking plainly, and not think of concealing myself thus in clouds and darkness: but the mischief is, the obligation lies on the wrong side. Or, if I could make it out, that the receiving many favours entitles a man to more, the argument would run very prettily! but this is a maxim not universally agreed upon. In short, my Lord, let me turn the question about ever so many ways, and view it in ever so many lights, I can make nothing of it; and must therefore leave it to some greater genius, who can raise an argument out of nothing, like the Bishop of Gloucester, or make one out of his own will and pleasure; *stat pro ratione voluntas*; and content myself with what is within the reach of my capacity,—to convey by this my best wishes and compliments (in which my wife and sons join) to yourself and Mrs. Newcome.

"I am, my Lord,

"Your Lordship's most obedient and obliged humble servant,

"Crawley, Aug. 5, 1766."

"HENRY TAYLOR."

P. 430, l. 13 from bottom r. "Pictonum."

P. 432, l. 2, for "J. D." r. "J. DOWLAND."

P. 433, l. 5, for "Parent," r. "Prince."

Ib. l. 9 from bottom, r. "Anthony Kynnesman."

P. 434, l. 14, The Prater, by Nicholas Babbie, Esq. (By Edward Long, Esq.)

P. 435, l. 16 from bottom r. "Lieut.-Gen. George Ramsay."

P. 436, l. 11 from bottom, r. "Riesbede."

P. 446, l. 31, for "supprest," r. "support."

P. 449, l. ult. r. "Dr. John Ratcliffe."

P. 453, l. 13, "Mr. Mount died Feb. 22, 1769. He was some time treasurer of Christ's Hospital, which office he resigned in 1767. John Mount died July 12, 1786. See additions to the account of the Mount family in vol. IX. p. 705.

P. 462, l. 4, for "Manning," r. "Mainwaring." He died Dec. 30, 1786, aged 90.

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P. 470, l. 17, for "is," r. "are." Ib. l. 9 from bottom, for "are" r. "is."

P. 480. There is a long account of Mr. Andrew Brice, of Exeter, in the "Universal Magazine for December, 1781 (with a portrait); copied into Timperley's "History of Printing," p. 729.

Ib. l. 24, Mr. Thomas Carnan invaded the exclusive right of the Universities and the Company of Stationers respecting almanacks. An injunction was granted by the Court of Chancery, Nov. 29, 1773, which was dissolved June 8, 1775.

P. 482, Mr. Hodson died Oct. 17, 1812, aged 75.

P. 493, l. 10. This paper, Mr. Brown noticed, was the forgery exposed in this volume, p. 529.

P. 494, l. 12, from bottom, Nicholas Amherst, editor of the Craftsman, died April 27, 1712. See an account of him in Chambers's Biographical Dictionary.

P. 499, l. ult. add "p. 710."

P. 507, l. 4 from bottom, for "Ibid." r. "P. 623."

Ibid. l. ult. D. A. Y. is the signature of Mr. Davy of Suffolk.

P. 509, l. 16, V. was *Dean Vincent*.

P. 514, l. 9, from bottom, for "342," r. "345."

P. 516, l. 30, for vol. "vii. p. 481," r. "vol. v. 340."

P. 526, l. 30, r. "Madame du Deffand."

P. 528, l. 32, r. "Sir Thomas."

P. 529, l. 13, add date, "Oct. 16, 1784;" l. 18, add "you and Mrs. Hardinge;" l. 19, after "you," add "She told me how much she admired Mrs. Hardinge, and, as I agree with her ladyship;" l. 22, r. "football;" l. 23, the letter is dated "1785;" l. 30, for "100" r. "200."

P. 538, l. 3 from bottom, add note on "Treatise," "Essence of Malone."

P. 540, l. 18, r. "and that he and his brother in iniquity from Ireland sat up," &c.

Ibid. l. 9 from bottom :

"To plunge in the plackets of maidens at nights."

Ibid. l. ult. add "Adieu, adieu! I hope you will find the good lady much better."

Ibid. in sub-note, add "Critical Review, 1780, vol. XLIX. p. 79."

P. 549, l. 32, r. "Shakspeare."

P. 553, l. 13 and 14, r. thus : "his purse bleed *before its time*; yet he had," &c.

P. 554, l. 24, put "before" "against."

P. 560, l. 1, N. S. was Sir Egerton Brydges.

P. 563, l. 10, for "Ridicule" r. "The Rebellion." See Monthly Review, vol. xxi. p. 129.

P. 564, n. l. 2, for "are," r. "is."

P. 581, l. 14, r. "Rev. C. Parkin of Pembroke Hall, B.A., 1711; M.A., 1717."

P. 614, l. 19 to 26, omit this, as the letter is more fully given in p. 670.

P. 617, l. 18, in Cole's MSS. vol. xxxiii. p. 146, is a letter from Gough to Tyson, dated Dec. 2, 1775.

P. 619, l. 27. In Cole's MSS. vol. xxxiii. p. 149, is a letter from Gough to Tyson, dated March 7, 1776.

P. 639, l. 9 from bottom, for "Friday," r. "Monday."

P. 648, l. 13, r. "Dr. Beridge."

P. 652, n. l. 2 from bottom, after "84," add, "He was brother to Judge Gould, and author of a treatise on English Ants."

P. 658, l. 2, "E.Y." the final letters of the Rev. George Ashby, a signature sometimes adopted by him. Another was T.F., Dr. Taylor's *Friend*.

P. 659, l. 13, omit *.

P. 663, l. 4, for "second," r. "seventh."

P. 704, l. ult. for "*", r. "+."

P. 721, l. 3 from bottom, r. "Ratcliffe."

P. 741, l. 8. The school near Auckland was Witton-le-Wear, one of the best in the north of England. The master of it was the Rev. John Farrer.

P. 742, l. 15, Mr. Wallis left one son; who was a purser in the navy.

P. 750, l. 10 from bottom, for "stock," r. "flock."

P. 754. An interesting letter relative to the last days of Thomas Pennant, Esq., written by his son, is printed in the "European Magazine," for June, 1800, from which some extracts shall be given:

"The pen of a son may not be calculated to record the character of an affectionate and beloved parent; the bias of natural affection may operate too forcibly; yet the silence of the person most intimately acquainted with the various virtues of Thomas Pennant would justly draw down the reproach of ingratitude.

"His religious principles were pure and fervent, yet exempt from bigotry; though firmly attached to the Established Church, he, by his writings and conduct, conciliated the esteem of those of a different persuasion. A steady friend to our excellent constitution, he ever laboured to preserve it entire. This induced him to petition for the reform of some abuses during the administration of Lord North, at a period when the influence of the Crown was supposed to have exceeded its due bounds: this brought him forward in later times, with additional energy, to resist the democratic spirit which menaced tenfold evils. The duties of a magistrate he exercised with candour; with a temperate, yet zealous warmth to protect the oppressed. His benevolence to the poor was unbounded; his repeated exertions to relieve the wants of a populous neighbourhood, by the importation of corn in times of scarcity, were truly magnificent. Temperate in diet, he enjoyed the fruits of abstinence; and, until a few years previous to his decease, possessed an unusual share of health and vigour. His conversation was lively, replete with instruction, and brilliant with sallies of true humour; yet too great sensibility at times lowered his natural flow of spirits, and occasioned severe dejection.

"Of his literary character, the public is the impartial judge; and that public—not only in this, but in foreign countries—has fixed on it the stamp of approbation. Blest with a memory the most retentive, his powers of composition were rapid; his works were generally printed as they flowed from his pen, with little or no correction; hence some inaccuracies may be expected, but their numbers are trifling.

"Such, candid reader, is the true but imperfect sketch of the character of a man, who, to superior talents, united the utmost goodness of heart.

"Accept, sainted spirit! this unavailing tribute of filial duty. May the example of thy virtues stimulate my exertions! May my latter end resemble thine!

"DAVID PENNANT."

"*Downing, April 12, 1800.*"

P. 803, l. 7 from bottom, Mr. Capell's will.—Mr. S. Pegge communicated the following particulars from the will:—

"In the bequest to Mr. Colins, of his books and MSS., the testator says:—'I am led to this by several considerations, but principally of a promise obtained from him, the discharge of which I leave to his honour and (I am proud to say) his friendship.'

"Mr. Colins was author of the Letter to George Hardinge, Esq., in vindication of Mr. C——l against Mr. Steevens, 1777; at which time the writer was a stranger to Mr. Capell.

"The house at Hastings, Mr. C. has been heard to say, cost him 5,000*l.* It sold for 1,300*l.*

"The executors were John Frere, of Hatton-street, Esq., Rev. John Colins, of Ledbury, Herefordshire, Andrew Pemberton, of the Inner Temple, Esq., James Goddard, of Staple Inn, Gent. Will dated Feb. 12, 1781. Codicil, Feb. 12, 1781.

"The united churches of Stanton All Saints and Stanton St. John's, to the trustees, to present his godson, Thomas Pemberton, if living; otherwise his brother, Henry Pemberton; and when this shall be determined, to become part of his real estate as disposed of in his will. Codicil 11th Feb., 1781. In case the personal estate shall fall short to pay debts by mortgage or otherwise, the mortgage to continue charged on the real estate."

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* * * *For other Additions and Corrections to this Volume, see vol. IX. pp. 722 to 780; 808 to 816.*

P. v. l. 5, for "B. D." r. "M. A."

P. xi. line 15 from bottom, for "ibid." r. "575."

P. xv. l. 16, for "753," r. "754."

P. 21. An interesting paper was read before the Historic Society, at the Collegiate Institution, Liverpool, by Mr. James Stonehouse, intituled "Recollections of Mr. John Holt." The

wife of Mr. John Holt was a Miss Elizabeth France, to whom he was married April 30, 1767. They had no children. In person, Mr. Holt was tall, having very broad hips, with remarkably narrow shoulders and chest. His voice thin, and of a remarkable tone. He had no beard, and it has been said he never shaved.

Mr. Stonehouse read some extracts of a Diary kept by Mr. Holt of a journey from Liverpool to London in 1777; which deserve attention, as containing an account of good King George the Third's habits.

"Mr. Holt, accompanied by a friend, left Liverpool on Easter Sunday, March 30, 1777, by the 'Liverpool Diligence,' at three in the afternoon. They arrived at Warrington, at six o'clock, where they had tea, and at Knutsford at eight, Holmes Chapel at ten, where supper was partaken of. At two in the morning they arrived at Stone, in Staffordshire, where the landlady 'got out of a warm bed, and hot us up some excellent ale.' Lichfield at eight, to breakfast. Within a mile of this town the 'diligence' broke down, in the midst of a smart snow storm. Proceeding on their journey, the travellers arrived at two o'clock at Meriden, where, to Mr. Holt's astonishment, a charge was made 'for fire.' Daventry, at six o'clock, where they stop for the night, leaving there at five the following morning. Breakfasting at Stoney Stratford, they arrive at St. Alban's at two o'clock to dine, and at six o'clock find themselves in the great metropolis, having completed the journey in two and a half days!

"Amongst the sights of London, Mr. Holt goes to the public office in Bow-street, where he sees Sir John Fielding, the brother of the author of Tom Jones. 'Wednesday. The day of the week for transacting business at the public office, Bow-street. Called there to see the famous Sir John Fielding, whose name is so well known to us in his public capacity, as well as being brother to the immortal author of 'Tom Jones,' 'Joseph Andrews,' &c. My curiosity greatly warmed. Sir John was seated on the bench, covered, as being chairman. His figure venerable, not a little heightened by his fine grey locks, and his person strong and muscular, the lines of his face keen and expressive. He has a very magisterial appearance. His eyes (being quite dark) are covered by a black bandage. This is no disadvantage to his appearance, as might be expected, but to the other masterly strokes nature has given him, presents to you a fine emblem of the figure of Justice.' He goes to Bedlam Hospital—'The yellings and bawlings of the poor wretches under confinement drove me from the place.' 'Called at Mr. Stubbs' the celebrated horse-painter; saw his inimitable productions. This was an excellent treat. Upon Romney, also, a portrait-painter of high repute.' 'Visited the buildings in the neighbourhood of Oxford-road; a deal of new ground has been built hereabout. Mary-bone Gardens at this time are in ruins, the ground intended for building upon.' 'Walked to St. James' with an intent to see the King and Queen. Had a view of them both on the road from

Buckingham House to St. James,' carried in chairs, attended by a few footmen and yeomen of the guards. Not much parade or attendance. Saw them a second time, with the court officers, pass through the gallery to the chapel royal. The King is a fine person, but not a good walker: in my eyes, has the appearance of majesty. The Queen seems to possess all that is amiable and agreeable, has a pleasant look, and an affectionate smile is always at the service of the gazing crowd; yet her delicate constitution seems overpowered with something more than her strength can well support. This may probably be accounted for from her present situation, being pregnant. To the disgrace of the court, the yeomen of the guards are the rudest set of people I have hitherto met with in this town.'

"After dinner took a walk to Kensington, the road crowded all the way with people going or returning. The gardens, at certain seasons, are open and free to every one out of livery, or *who does not wear leather breeches.*'

"Monday. Soon in the park again. Saw the King on horseback, taking his morning ride, an exercise he is very fond of, and never, or very seldom, omits when the weather is favourable. If it should rain, he takes this exercise under cover, in a place provided for that purpose. He rises usually at seven, breakfasts, sees his family, and mounts his horse precisely at nine, upon which he continues about a couple of hours, then returns, dresses, and is ready for the dispatch of business. His dress this morning was a plain suit of red with yellow buttons, a very large hat in which was a cockade, but no other ornament. His horse, a very bony, showy black one, a bob-tail, no way decorated; a couple of footmen, and one gentleman by way of companion, were all his retinue.' 'Called on Sir Joshua Reynolds, and feasted my eyes with a sight of his excellent paintings—likewise upon Mrs. Hogarth, widow of the late famous man; saw his excellent collection of prints, and purchased a few taken from the plates of that humourous artist.'"

P. 21, n. l. 10, for "William," r. "H. Rogers."

P. 22, n. l. 13, omit the word "which."

P. 51, n. l. 5 from bottom, r. "Betlis."

P. 52, n. l. 18 from bottom, r. "in 1789. He was," &c.

P. 74, n. l. 30, for "There," r. "These."

P. 75, n. l. 8, Jarvis Clifton, Esq., Sir C. Wintringham's remainder-man, died young.

P. 75, n. l. 16 and 17, for "Jarvis," r. "Gervas."

Ibid, n. l. 6 from bottom, for "Burrows," r. "Burrow."

P. 78, n. l. 5, for "East Ham," r. "Eastham."

P. 83, l. 22 from bottom, for "are," r. "is."

P. 96, l. 20. "Correct by the Baronetages several mistakes in the succession of Poles.—J. BROWN."

P. 107, n. l. 4, r. "over it, with an inscription," &c.

P. 111, n. l. 33, "when the Sacrament *is administered* in." The words in italics seem wanting.

P. 112, l. 28, subnote to note †. See the Dedication prefixed to Granger's "Biographical History."

Ibid. l. 10 from bottom, for "beyond," r. "nearly to;" and ibid. for "1808," r. "1703."

Ibid. l. *ult.* omit the last sentence about the portrait there mentioned.

P. 123, n. l. 19. Qu. if *Joseph* Jennings were not son to David Jennings, D.D., an eminent and respectable dissenting minister?

P. 125, n. l. 9 from bottom, r. "Simonburn."

Ibid. n. l. 14, r. "A Spousal Hymn," &c.

P. 126, n. l. 23, for "70," "76."

Ibid. l. 24. The friend was Dr. Vincent, Dean of Westminster.

P. 129, n. l. 20. Dr. O'Beirne, Bp. of *Meath*, died Feb. 15, 1823; see a character of him in *Gent. Mag.* vol. XCIII. i. 276; see also *Literary Anecdotes*, VIII. 839.

Ibid. n. l. 25, 32, and 34, r. "Rennell."

P. 130, n. l. 9, for "have," r. "has."

P. 132, n. l. 13 from bottom. *Hannah* (not Anne), first wife of Rev. G. H. Glasse, died at Clifton, in confinement of her 10th child (see *Gent. Mag.* 1802, p. 591). Her eldest daughter died at Wanstead, June 30, 1802 (*Ibid.* p. 691).

P. 136, l. 2. Mr. Felton was author also of a small pamphlet, intituled "An Explanation of several of Mr. Hogarth's Prints," 8vo. 1785; of which see Nichols' "Hogarth," 4to. vol. I. p. 449.

P. 137, n. l. 20, for "two," r. "three" daughters.

P. 152, n. l. 3 from bottom, for "Alresford" r. "Alton."

P. 154, n. l. 11, for "Pembroke College, Oxford," r. "Pembroke Hall, Cambridge."

P. 183, n. l. 6, for "were," r. "was."

P. 195, n. l. 2, omit "also."

P. 202, n. l. 13, Mr. Shaw was elected F.S.A. March 5, 1795.

Ibid. l. 4 from bottom. The gentleman who purchased Mr. Shaw's materials for the History of Staffordshire was William Hamper, Esq. F.S.A., on whose death they were purchased by William Salt, Esq. F.S.A., in whose possession they now remain.

P. 211, n. l. 10 from bottom. Dr. J. Fothergill has been said to have been born in the West Riding of the county of York," but his epitaph, in p. 214, says Westmorland.

P. 211, n. l. 2 from bottom, of Dr. John Fothergill see further particulars in this volume, pp. 737, 811.

P. 214, n. l. 16, fill up Dr. Fothergill's death "May 11, 1813." See *Memoir* in *Gent. Mag.* 1813, p. 593. A letter of Dr. Fothergill on the nature of Jet, written at Scarborough in 1746, is printed in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for June 1855.

P. 215. Add to books under 1798 "Vain Boastings of Frenchmen, the same in 1386 as in 1798."

Ibid. n. l. 4 from bottom, r. "Infidelium:" l. 11 from bottom, after "1809" alter the mark of reference to †.

P. 216. To the Fifth Volume of Atterbury's "Epistolary Correspondence," Mr. Nichols prefixed a "Brief Memoir of the Author," to which reference may be made as containing many minute particulars not noticed elsewhere. In compiling this memoir Mr. Nichols endeavoured to preserve the strictest impartiality as to the Bishop's supposed political sentiments. Since 1799, however, the public opinion has materially changed as to the Bishop's connection with the Court of St. Germain's, by the more recent publication of the "Stuart Papers," from Her Majesty's collection, edited by John Hulbert Glover, Esq. See an able review of that work in the *Gent. Mag.* for May, 1847, written by the Rev. John Mitford, in which the character of Bp. Atterbury, as a divine, a Latin writer, and a politician, are carefully analysed. See also Mr. Chalmers's excellent memoir of Bp. Atterbury.

P. 217. Add to the books of 1799, "A new edition of the History of the Tea Plant; by Dr. Lettsom." See *Literary Illustrations*, vol. V. p. 811.

P. 219. A memoir of Benjamin Moseley, M.D. will be found in *Gent. Mag.* vol. lxxxix. ii. p. 374. He died Sept. 25, 1819. See also *Lit. Anecd. Index*, VII. 633.

P. 220, n. l. 7. Mr. Nichols's prognostications have been amply fulfilled. Sir Henry Ellis, K.H., succeeded, on the death of Mr. Planta, to be the head librarian of the British Museum; from which establishment, after holding office in it for more than half a century, he retired at the beginning of 1856. He also filled the office of Secretary to the Society of Antiquaries from 1813 to 1853; and on his retirement was elected Director of the Society. His numerous works are well known, and duly appreciated.

P. 224, n. l. 17, r. "half a century."

P. 225, add to the books of 1799, "Critical Disquisition on the Eighteenth Chapter of Isaiah, in a Letter to Edward King, F.R.S. By Samuel Horsley, Lord Bp. of Rochester, F.R.S." 4to.

Ibid. n. l. 7 from bottom, r. "*have* been often," &c.

P. 227, n. l. 18, for "1805," r. "1785."

P. 229, n. l. 20, for "42 coloured plates," r. "of which 41 numbers were published, with 82 plates. Mr. Hayes had previously published "The Natural History of British Birds, &c., with their portraits accurately drawn and beautifully coloured from nature, 1775," large folio.

P. 231, n. l. 3, for "1759," r. "1795."

P. 233, n. l. 3, for "79," r. "78th year."

Ibid. l. penult. r. "1798."

P. 234, n. l. 5 from bottom r. "Works."

P. 238, l. 23, r. "makes."—L. 31, for "are" r. "is."—Sub-note, l. 3, r. "Haggitt."—N. l. 35, the Editor was Richard Gough, Esq. A second and improved edition of Gibson's and Gough's History of Castor was published by J. B. Nichols in 1818.

Ibid. n. l. 11. "The Rev. Daniel Bayley's mother was granddaughter to Bp. Kennet, by his son, whose widow afterwards mar-

ried Mr. Bigland, and outlived her daughter, dying at a very advanced age. The very learned judge Sir John Bayley was her second son. The Bishop died in 1728. The following is by far the neatest translation of the lines written on Judas being painted with the Bishop's face:—

“Think'st thou by Judas *thee* the Painter meant?
Thou Judas?—no, *he* was a Penitent.”

Of course this was written by a political antagonist.”—W. BRAY.

P. 240, l. 6. Wm. Thomas Fitzgerald, Esq. died July 9, 1829, aged 70. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* vol. xcix. ii. 471.

P. 261, l. 8, for “former wives,” r. “second wife.”

P. 262, l. 2, r. “Welwyn.”

P. 267, sub-note. For notices of the Rev. Joseph Barrington, and his writings, see *Lit. Illus.* VII. 485, and *Index*, VIII. 9.

P. 269, n. l. 12 for “P. T.” r. “Polyxena.”

P. 285, n. l. 18, r. “earnestly.”

P. 288, n. l. 11. Mr. Thicknesse must have been buried Dec. 8, and not Nov. 8, as he died Nov. 28 (as above stated). For an account of Mrs. Thicknesse, see the *Harwich Guide*, by J. Rand, p. 83, and the 8th vol. of “*Public Characters*.” She died Jan. 22, 1824.

P. 289, l. 5 from bottom r. “Dr. John Ratcliffe.”

P. 290, l. 21, for “were,” r. “was.”

P. 295, l. 27, r. “Westminster.”

Ibid. sub-note. Dean Tucker died Nov. 4, 1799, aged 88. See account of Dr. Tucker and his writings in *Gent. Mag.* 1799, p. 1001; and *Lit. Illustrations*, *Index*, VIII. 110.

P. 304, l. 32, for “Jac.” r. “Joannis.” L. 35, r. “Scales.”

P. 306, l. 22, omit the reference *.—P. 311, l. 7, “day” is repeated.

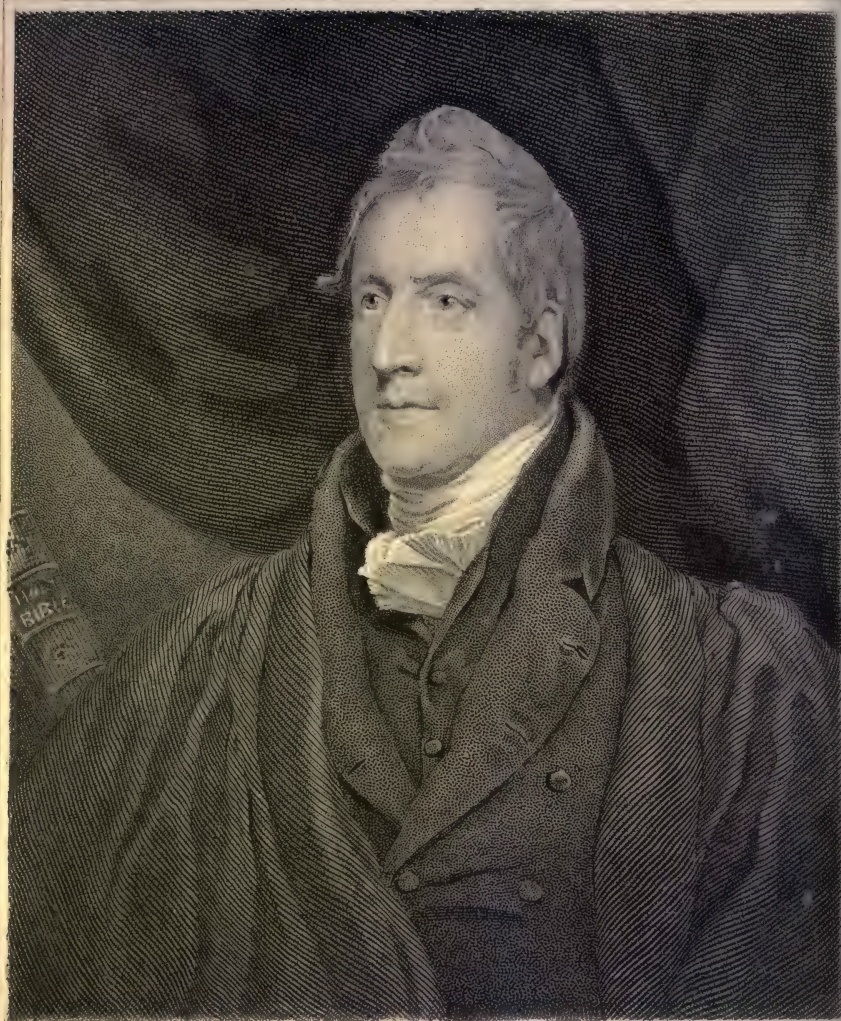
P. 312, l. 29, r. “It was I that,” &c.; and in l. 30, for “was,” r. “were.”—P. 323, n. l. 2, for “1760,” r. 1706.”

P. 343, n. l. 12. See an account of the preservation of the scull of Sir Thomas More in St. Dunstan's church, Canterbury, in *Gent. Mag.* vol. xciv. i. 626, and in the vol. for May 1837, p. 494; in which latter place an engraving of it is given.

P. 355, n. l. 6, for § r. †. *Ibid.* Sub-note †. The Rev. Bryan Faussett, collector of Roman Antiquities. See *Gent. Mag.* 1854, about the Faussett Collection. In 1856 was published, “*Inventorium Sepulchrale: An Account of some Antiquities dug up at Gilton, Kingston, Sibertswold, Barfriston, Beakesbourne, Chart-ham, and Crundale in Kent, from 1757 to 1773.*” By the Rev. Bryan Faussett, of Heppington. Edited from the original MS. in the possession of Joseph Mayer, Esq. with Notes and Introduction, by Charles Roach Smith, author of *Collectanea Antiqua*, &c. London. For the subscribers only.” Royal 4to. 230 pp.

Ibid. last line. The Rev. Richard Yates, D.D. F.S.A. was born at Bury St. Edmund's in July 1769. He was the eldest son of Mr. Richard Yates, who had the care of the much-admired ruins





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REV. RICHARD YATES, D.D. F.S.A.

Born 1769, Died 1834.

of Bury Abbey, in which duty he evinced a great degree of traditional knowledge respecting the Monastery; and his urbanity and patient attention to the curious inquirer were alike conspicuous. He died at Bury, April 28, 1803, aged 62. Dr. Yates received his education at Bury School: and was of Jesus College, Cambridge, B.D. 1805, D.D. 1818. In March, 1798, he was appointed one of the Chaplains of Chelsea Hospital, which preferment he held for thirty-six years. In May, 1804, he was presented to the rectory of Ashen, in Essex, by the Earl of Chichester, as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. He was an active and liberal promoter of various institutions of charity; and, among these, the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, the Literary Fund for the Relief of Authors in Distress, the Clergy Orphan Society, the School for the Indigent Blind, and the Philanthropic Society, were favourite objects of his regard. In 1805 he was elected one of the Treasurers of the Literary Fund; and about the same period became one of the Committee and Secretary of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb; both which offices he filled with unwearied attention. His talents as a preacher placed him in the pulpits of Portman, Percy, and Green-street Chapels, where he was heard by crowded congregations. In 1806 he was chosen alternate preacher with the Rev. Isaac Jackman, on the first opening of the chapel of the Philanthropic Society; and most ably did these excellent men fulfil their important trust. Dr. Yates published:—1. *An Illustration of the Monastic History and Antiquities of the Abbey of St. Edmund's Bury.* Part I. 4to. 1805. (Dr. Yates never having found time to complete the work presented his materials to Mr. J. B. Nichols, who republished the "History," with several additional Plates, in 1848.) 2. A Sermon preached at the Anniversary of the Royal Humane Society in Saint Anne's Church, Westminster, 1807. 3. *The Work of an Evangelist;* a Visitation Sermon preached in the parish church of Halstead, in Essex, on the 2nd of June, 1813, before the Rev. George Owen Cambridge, M.A. Archdeacon of Middlesex, and the Clergy of the Deanery of Hedingham. 8vo. 1813. 4. *The Church in Danger:* a Statement of the Cause, and of the probable Means of averting that danger attempted, in a Letter to the Earl of Liverpool. 8vo. 1815. 5. *The Basis of National Welfare,* considered in reference chiefly to the prosperity of Britain, and the safety of the Church of England, in a second Letter to the Earl of Liverpool. 8vo. 1817. 6. *The Gospel Kingdom;* a Visitation Sermon preached at Halstead, Essex. 1818. 7. *A Catalogue of the Evidences of Christianity,* which may be used as a sequel to the Catechism of the Church of England. 8vo. 1820. 8. *Patronage of the Church of England,* considered in reference to National Reformation and Improvement, and the permanence of our Ecclesiastical establishments. 8vo. 1823.

In all the productions of the pen of Dr. Yates are evident marks of high Christian principle, strong sense, and kindly feeling. The most popular was "*The Church in Danger,*" printed at a time

when the deficiency of places of public worship for the members of the Church of England was a subject of great and just alarm. Lord Bexley, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a speech advocating the proposed parliamentary grants for the erection of new churches and chapels in the metropolis and other populous places, said, that "he had derived much valuable information from the very useful publication of Mr. Yates, which he could recommend to every gentleman who might wish to turn his attention to the subject."

The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Manners Sutton) offered to Dr. Yates the living of Blackburn, in Lancashire, "in reward of his public services." The Earl of Liverpool, on the same grounds, offered him the rectory of Hilgay, in Norfolk, which for that turn was in the gift of the Crown; but Dr. Yates was engaged in professional duties which he was unwilling to relinquish, and he enjoyed the blessing of independence in consequence of his marriage (happy in every circumstance) with Miss Telfer, only daughter of Patrick Telfer, Esq. of Gower-street, to whom he was united in 1810. He died August 24, 1834, leaving a family of three children. There are four portraits of Dr. Yates: 1. By S. Drummond, Esq. A.R.A. engraved by H. Meyer for the *European Magazine* for July, 1818, where there is a Memoir of him; 2. By Tannock, a Scottish artist, engraved by H. Meyer for the second edition of his *History of Bury*, 1843; 3. A copy by Wood, after Tannock, with alterations and improvements, painted by desire of the Literary Fund, and now in the Society's house in Great Russell Street; 4. A miniature, by Engleheart.

P. 364, n. l. 5 from bottom, r. "Langtoft."

P. 365, l. ult. add, "Dr. Cox Macro's ancient MSS. chiefly antiquarian and historical, were sold by auction by Mr. Christie in Feb. 1820. They included the valuable collection of Sir H. Spelman; also, Royal Autographs, Letters, &c. and the Correspondence and Travels of the Rev. Dr. Covell, of Cambridge. See a memoir on Dr. Cox Macro's collections in the *Transactions of the Suffolk Archæological Institute*."

P. 373, sub-note, l. 3. John Bonnycastle, Esq. the very able mathematician, died May 15, 1821. See a memoir in *Gent. Mag.* 1821, i. 471.

P. 377, n. l. 5, for "city," r. "town."

P. 378, n. l. 3, for "Ackfall," r. "Hackfall."

P. 384, n. l. ult. for "he," r. "we."—P. 392, l. 16, r. "Pansie."

P. 398, l. 15, for "part," r. "port."

Ibid. l. 29. James Campbell, second Earl of Loudoun, was killed by a cannon ball at the battle of Fontenoy in 1745.

P. 399, lines 17 and 31, r. "Gray."

P. 401, lines 26 and 31, r. "Holderness."

P. 417, l. 7 from bottom, r. "Umfreville."

P. 419, n. l. ult. for "1763," r. "1757."

P. 423, l. 6, for "67," r. "68," as Martin says he was born 1696-7.

P. 425, l. 7, r. "Capell." *Ibid.* Add reference * to sub-note.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO VOL. IX. 601

P. 427, l. 5 from bottom, r. "Dickes."

P. 443, l. ult. "A pox on all cowards." This quotation probably took its rise from the manœuvres of Admiral Byng on the 20th of May preceding. The result is well known.

P. 448, n. l. 14. "There is a mistake in the original, which is literally copied here; and I know not how better to correct it than by supposing that the parenthesis ought to run thus: 'whose splendid and elaborate work on Sepulchral Monuments, as well as his topographical publications—and whose indefatigable application—are so well known, and whose collections, &c.'"—J. BROWN.

P. 453, l. 14, after "Heaton," add, reference † to note.

Ibid. l. ult. for vol. "LXVIII." r. "LXXVIII."

P. 454, n. l. 8 from bottom, for "2nd, r. "5th." Ibid. l. 4 from bottom, for "Oct. 13," r. "Oct. 23."

P. 464, n. l. 2, for "ii." r. "XLV."—P. 465, l. 8, for "13," r. "15."—P. 467, n. l. 20, for "1789," r. "1788."—P. 468, l. 15, for "Londinensis," r. "Londinensi."—Ibid. l. 8 from bottom, r. "Thompson."

P. 476, l. 2, for "Dec. 6," r. "26."

P. 479, n. l. 17 from bottom, and p. 479, n. l. 1, r. "J. Zoffanii."

P. 481, l. 11, for "1688," r. "1638."

P. 487, l. 29, and 488, l. 11, r. "Hinchliffe." A posthumous volume of Bp. Hinchliffe's Sermons was published in 1796.

P. 493, l. 13, for "Sempronius," r. "Callistus."

Ibid. l. 32. Lettice Elizabeth, daughter and sole heiress of the Rev. John Mulso, of Twywell, married in 1817 Edward Purvis, Esq., youngest son of Charles Purvis, Esq., of Darsham, Suffolk.

P. 495, l. 11 from bottom. "Mr. Palmer left only one son, (Richard, of Hurst, in Berks,) and three daughters, of whom the eldest married Mr. Proctor, brother to Sir Thomas Beauchamp Proctor; the second married Sir Thomas; the third married Mr. Pym of Bedfordshire. Mr. Richard Palmer married a daughter of Mr. Bowles of Oxfordshire, and has left several children."—W. BRAY.

P. 505, l. 32, r. "Sanford."—P. 509, l. 2, r. "Quod volebat, valdè volebat." Ibid. l. 22, r. "100,000l."—P. 510, l. 13, r. "Stephanus" is Stephen Weston. Ibid. l. 14, for "Herts," r. "Hertford."—P. 512, l. 2, r. "Pp. 6 and 7."—P. 515, l. 10 from bottom, r. "Erasmus, though."—P. 516, l. 24, r. "sufficient."—P. 520, l. 9, for "afterwards," r. "also."—P. 525, l. 21, for "1728," r. "1738."

P. 527, l. 9. In p. 525, it is said Dr. Hunter was born in 1733. He died May 7, 1809, so that he was probably 76 or 77 at his death.

Ibid. l. 19, r. "grand-daughter of King George the First; and as a proof of it, I could not help fancying, when I saw her, that I could trace something of the features of her Royal Grandfather, at least that sharp-pointed nose, which we see in all the representations of him, and on all his coins and medals."—JAMES BROWN.

P. 531, l. 17. The Rev. Richard Wynne died at Ayott St. Lawrence July 9, 1799, in his 81st year. He was of Trinity college, Cambridge, and Rector of St. Alphage, London Wall. See *Gent. Mag.* 1799, 629.

P. 538, l. 32. L. L. are the final letters of Michael Wodhull, and his usual signature in the *Gentleman's Magazine*.

P. 544, l. ult. Dr. Samuel Goodenough, Bp. of Carlisle, married a sister of Dr. Ford, of Melton Mowbray. (See memoirs of the Bishop in *Lit. Illustrations*, Index, VIII. 44.) He had two brothers, Dr. William Goodenough, M.D. of Merton College, Oxford, who married a daughter of Anthony Addington, M.D.; but died in a few months after at Paddington, Aug. 8, 1770: and the Rev. Edmund Goodenough, of Christ Church, Oxford, who died at Bath Nov. 8, 1807. See *Lit. Illust.* vol. VI. p. 249. The latter was some time an usher of Westminster school, and at the time of his death was Vicar of Swindon, Wilts. He married Ann-Juliana, daughter of the Rev. Elias Taunton, Rector of Sowton, county Devon, and a Bampton portionist, sister to Sir William Elias Taunton, one of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench. (See *Lit. Illust.* Index, p. 44.)

He left two surviving sons, the Ven. William Goodenough, Archdeacon of Carlisle, and the Rev. John Joseph Goodenough, D.D. Master of Bristol School, and Rector of Broughton Poges. *William Goodenough* (the former) was educated at Westminster school, elected to Christ Church, Oxford, in 1790, and graduated B.A. 1794, M.A. 1797. He for some time assisted his uncle Samuel (afterwards the Bishop) in the charge of a private school at Ealing in Middlesex, and succeeded him in the same, having married his eldest daughter. In 1811 he was presented to the vicarage of Warkworth in Northumberland by the Bishop; in 1818 to the rectory of Marcham le Fen, co. Lincoln; and in 1827 to that of Great Salkeld, Cumberland, which two last he retained until his death, together with the Archdeaconry of Carlisle, to which he was appointed in 1826. He died December 13, 1854, aged 82 (see *Lit. Illustrations*, VI. 254).—His younger brother, the Rev. *John Joseph Goodenough*, D.D. was educated at Winchester and New College, of which latter he became a Fellow, being kin to William of Wykeham, the founder of those colleges; he graduated B.A. 1801; M.A. 1805; B. and D.D. 1817. In 1812 he was appointed by the Corporation of Bristol to the Mastership of the Free Grammar School in that city, which he held until the year 1843, during which period he educated with success and assiduity most of the leading citizens of Bristol. He was some time Rector of Bow Brickhill, in Buckinghamshire, to which he was presented in 1829 by Thomas Rawdon Ward, Esq. From 1840 to 1843 he was Rector of Spernal in Warwickshire; and he finally retired to the rectory of Broughton Poges in 1845, where his family was seated two centuries ago. Dr. Goodenough married first, 18 May, 1807, Margaret, second daughter of John Ward, Esq. of Marlborough, and by her, who died 13 December, 1813,

had surviving issue: 1. Edmund, who died suddenly at Malta, 23 May, 1855; 2. William-Elias-Taunton, of Bristol; and 3. Margaret-Frances, married to Col. Henry Wenman Newman, of Thornbury Park, in the county of Gloucester. They all have issue. Dr. Goodenough married secondly, 7 July, 1818, Isabella, sixth daughter of Richard Newman Newman, of Clifton and Thornbury Park, M.D. by whom he left surviving issue one son, John Ward Goodenough, Fellow of New College, Oxford, and three daughters: 1. Emma, married to Alfred Elton, Esq.; 2. Charlotte-Ann-Toll, married to Thomas David Taylor, Esq.; and 3. Caroline-Dorothea-Codrington, unmarried. The Rev. J. J. Goodenough died April 22, 1855, aged 76.

P. 545, l. 12, for "1754," probably read "1744 or 1745."

Ibid. l. 9 from bottom, r. "Crito," Mr. Spicer's usual signature in the Gentleman's Magazine.

P. 548. Mr. Thomas Fisher, the publisher of the "History of Rochester," was the father of Thomas Fisher, Esq. F.S.A. of the East India House (who is himself noticed in Literary Anecdotes, vol. III. p. 675, VI. 331). The latter gentleman published "A Series of antient allegorical, historical, and legendary Paintings discovered in 1804 on the walls of Trinity Chapel, at Stratford-upon-Avon, with Views and Sections of the Chapel." This work, commenced in 1807, was left unfinished at Mr. Fisher's death, and was re-published by Mr. H. G. Bohn in 1838, with descriptions written by Mr. John Gough Nichols, F.S.A. Mr. Fisher commenced, in 1812, "Illustrations of the Antiquities of Bedfordshire" (also re-published by H. G. Bohn). He was a very industrious antiquary; and his Drawings of Churches, Monuments, and other objects, are acceptable in the portfolios of the collector. His books and drawings were dispersed in two sales by Mr. Southgate and Mr. Evans. A long memoir of this worthy man, who died July 20, 1836, appeared in the Gentleman's Magazine for Oct. 1836, p. 434; and is copied into his "Antiquities of Bedfordshire."

P. 548, l. 8 from bottom, for "now," r. "Rev. Gervas How."

P. 549, l. 28. "I have not heard of the wife of Mr. Deputy Kent till now, for I suppose full fifty years; and it appears a little extraordinary if she lived to be 104; for I well remember hearing my father say at that time that she was *shortening her days* by her pains and industry in dressing and trimming the quills in her husband's shop, from the flew arising from them which she was likely to swallow."—JAMES BROWN.

P. 550, l. 1. "The lady here alluded to was the Hon. John Simpson's first wife, and sister to the late Sir Richard Mosley, Bart."—J. DOWLAND.

Ibid. l. 23 from bottom, for "Pepplewick," r. "Papplewick."

P. 553. The following short letter to Mr. Nichols, relating to an interesting copy of "The Tale of a Tub," is worth preserving, on account of Mr. *Chauncy's* attestation: "My dear Sir, the accompanying volume has fallen into the hands of Mr. George

Hibbert, and, as I perceive that it once belonged to Mr. Nichols, you can probably give me some further particulars beyond what the MS. notes afford. Has it been *ascertained* whether the names at the heads of the chapters are in the hand-writing of Thomas Swift? By whom is the prefatory matter supposed to be written, as well as the notes to the several chapters? Are the *notes* as well as the MS. preface to be found in the Key to The Tale of a Tub? Has Mr. Nichols mentioned this copy in his edition of Swift, or in any other of his works?"—J. H. MARKLAND, 10 Jan. 1826.

"All that is contained here in writing was set down by Thomas Swift himself."

"The above is said to be the hand-writing of the Lady Betty Germain, out of whose library this book was purchased after her decease, about the year 1769.—C. CHAUNCY."

"Bought at Mr. Chauncy's sale, 1770, for three guineas.—J. NICHOLS."

"The account on the opposite page agrees with what Mr. Sheridan has assured me, that he had in his possession some letters from Dean Swift to his late father, wherein he denies himself to be the author of "The Tale of a Tub," which he says was written by Tho. Swift, his cousin, who died some years after the publication, but owns himself to be the publisher and author of 'The Digressions.'—C. CHAUNCY."

On this subject see Nichols's edition of Swift's Works.

P. 553, l. 24, for "1763," r. "1783."

Ibid. l. 28. "The Rev. Charles Chauncy was perfectly unconnected with the other family. See what is said of him in Gent. Mag. 1804, p. 423; to which may be added that he left a son of his own name, who was in 1816 vicar of Paul's Walden, Herts, and I believe the only male descendant of Sir Henry Chauncy."—J. BROWN.

Mr. Chauncy was fourth in descent from the Historian. (See the pedigree in Clutterbuck's Hertfordshire, ii. 402.) He was of Peter House, Cambridge, B.A. 1801, M.A. 1804, was presented to Paul's Walden by the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's in 1814, and died March 20, 1835. He married in 1806 Rebecca-Anne, daughter of Thomas Crawley, of Welwyn, Esq. and had issue three daughters, and one son born in 1816.

P. 558, l. 3 and 5 from bottom, for "Haxay" r. "Haxey."

P. 560, l. 24, omit *.—P. 564, l. 19, r. "Cicerone."

P. 569, l. 16 from bottom. "The Rev. Charles Hawtrey raised a controversy, which lasted but a short time, upon the subject of 'The Divinity of the Son of God,' by a publication in 1794, intituled, *Ανθρωπος της καινης Διαθηκης*, in which William Cleaver, lord bishop of Chester, and principal of Brazenose, and his successor in the principality, Frodsham Hodgson, A.M. took a part, and which was closed in 1796 by a second publication of Hawtrey's, intituled 'A particular Inquiry into the Doctrine of the Eternal Filiation;' in the title of which I have writ-

ten, 'He died at Bath, 26th July, 1796, aged 67.'—JAMES BROWN.

There is a portrait of the Rev. C. Hawtrey in the possession of Eton College.

P. 570, l. 11, r. "Zech. ii. 8."—L. penult. for "Corpus Christi," r. "Christ Church."

P. 572, l. 9 from bottom, for "717," r. "716;" and also refer to vol. VIII. p. 478, where Henry Baldwin is noticed.

P. 574. To "Lit. Anecd. IV. 148," add "The Rev. Thomas Dudley Fosbroke died Jan. 1, 1842, in his 72nd year. See a memoir of him in Gent. Mag. for Feb. 1842, p. 214, which is enlarged and printed in the British Monachism, accompanied by his portrait."

P. 582, l. 9, r. "Radcliffe."—P. 583, l. 19, r. "505."

P. 592, l. penult. r. "P. 95."

P. 593, n. l. 13 from bottom, for "Meadows," r. "Medows."

P. 599, l. ult. Matthew Pearson, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, B.A. 1686, B. & D.D. per literas Regias, 1703.

P. 602, n. lines 10 and 11, for "Barret," r. "Baret." "I have the first edition of his 'Alvearie,' printed in 1573, which is not noticed in Herbert's Ames."—J. DOWLAND.

P. 604. The following letter of Joseph Ames, Esq., sometime Secretary to the Society of Antiquaries, to Sir Peter Thompson,* was communicated to the Gentleman's Magazine in 1853, by B. Nightingale, Esq. who copied it, *literatim*, from the original, in his own possession (see Cole's remarks on Ames's epistolary style, in this volume, p. 581):—

"MY GOOD FRIEND,

"16 Sept. 1749.

"It's a great pleasure to hear from you, tho' 'tis but a word or two, now you are so busy. I have sent to your folks the tin-foil and bronz, but fancy you have not rec^d it yet, with my thoughts of the manner of using, now I know they have no printed directions that they will give away. I have bought you that philosophical piece of Needham's,† but being too heavy I have not sent it now, and also because it requires pretty close thinking, that I may either send it to your house to go with the bronz's, &c^a. or split it into 3 or 4 parts as you shall direct, being a 2s. thing. This of the Man a Machin‡ is three ounces, therefore make it in two packets now.

* Sir Peter Thompson was a Hamburgh merchant, who had realized a considerable fortune, and resided at Poole, in Dorsetshire. He was a Fellow of the Royal and Antiquarian Societies, and possessed a valuable library, which was dispersed partly after his death, in 1770, and partly in 1815. (See Literary Anecdotes, ix. 800; and Index, vii. 419, 690.)

† "Mr. Needham's book on Generation is printed off. This is what I had mentioned to you as somewhat agreeable to your thoughts when read to the Royal Society in the beginning of the year." Mr. Ames to Sir Peter Thompson, in a letter written earlier in the same month, also in the possession of Mr. Nightingale. (See Literary Anecdotes, Index, vii. 283, 625.)

‡ "Man, a Machine. Translated from the French of the Marquiss d'Argens. London, 1749," 8vo. pp. 87; a work attributed to Jean Baptiste

"Our Bro^r West* meet me in the City a Wednesday, and would have me stay a little and chat with him at a tavern. He was in high spirits, and we drank your health; had up the affair of Lord Colerane,† who appear'd to be a very bad man.

"I wrote to-day by a ship that went away for Philadelphia to my friend Capt. Preston at a venter, wherein I recommended your honour to him, which I am sure he will be glad to hear of.

"I have enquired about that piece on Printing you w^r pleased to mention to me, but have not yet seen it. That from which he took it I have, but what improvements he has made I don't know.

"The John Maxwell, M.A.‡ who is writing a kind of Dictionary of the English Language, I hear is a young man, and they think will hardly go thro' with the work; but there is one Johnson,§ who lately made me a visit with Mr. Cave|| and the chief printer or bookseller of Ireland,¶ has done such a work ready for the press, and is certainly a great scholar in Latin and Greek, which will do much better, yet others say the Saxon and Norman is full as necessary if not more so for the right understanding of the English than Latin and Greek. Such a work to be sure if well and judiciously perform'd might be very usefull, but must be the united labour of learned men, with that qualification the Apostle mentions of a Bp. that is *apt to teach*, which all learned men are not.

"May your health and usefulness continue is the prayer or wish of your most affectionate humble servant, &c^a. J. AMES."

P. 605, l. 29, for "Erlom," r. "Earlom."

de Boyer, Marquis D'Argens, but denied by him in an advertisement dated Potsdam, Oct. 3, 1749, inserted in the General Advertiser. (Watt's Bibliotheca Britannica.)

* James West, Pres. R.S. (See Literary Anecdotes, Index, vii. 460, 709.)

† Henry Hare, third (and last of his family) Lord Coleraine, died on the 4th August, 1749: and in his previous letter to Sir Peter Thompson, Mr. Ames had thus written of him: "Lord Colerane has made a will in fol. or a folio book of a will, wherein among many weighty matters he has left 4,000*l*. per ann. to his Mrs. and a small matter to the Antiq. Society to remember him." His bequest to the Society of Antiquaries was a collection of prints and drawings; and a portrait of his lordship, by Richardson, was given to the Society by Mrs. Duplessis, who was the "mistress" alluded to by Ames, and the mother of a daughter married to James Townsend, esq. alderman of London, and mother by him of Henry Hare Townsend, esq. (See further particulars in Literary Anecdotes, vol. v. pp. 350, et seq.; and Index, vii. 89, 539.)

‡ Of "John Maxwell, M.A." the contemplated rival of Johnson as a lexicographer, we are not aware that anything is now known.

§ Johnson had already been a successful author in his *Life of Savage*, his satires of London and *The Vanity of Human Wishes*, and in his tragedy of *Irene*. Still his fame had not reached the ears of worthy Mr. Ames. Ames was his senior by just twenty years; and was at this period sixty years of age. Johnson was forty. Ames was already known as the collector of materials for the history of Printing in England; and it was probably on that account that Johnson desired an introduction to him. His "Typographical Antiquities" appeared in this same year, 1749.

|| Edward Cave, of St. John's Gate, the projector, printer, and editor of the *Gentleman's Magazine*. (See Literary Anecdotes, Index vii. 66, 531.)

¶ George Faulkner, who died Aug. 28, 1775. (See Literary Anecdotes, Index, vii. 133.)

Ibid. l. 16—l. 31, omit the word "young," as his wife was of the age his mother would have been, had she been alive."—E. G. "The account of Joseph Gulston here given is incorrect. The father and son are jumbled. The M.P. was father of the collector, who was only fifteen at the accession of George the Third. His fortune was quite equal to such a collection, had prudence attended." This remark is by Miss E. Gulston, when sending, in Dec. 1824, the very interesting article on the Gulston family, which is inserted in the fifth volume of Literary Illustrations. Of that memoir she thus modestly speaks:—"To have so long delayed sending you the manuscript, which has only taken me two evenings to write, requires some apology; but the fact is, that when a task is unpleasant, procrastination is very natural. All the modern lives I have lately perused are to me not only dull, but are not *lives*: they are studied panegyrics, and tell one little of the individual. I am too great an admirer of the Johnsonian school not to think truth the first essential in any narrative, and the wish to make my pen useful in the cause of virtue I hope will never desert me. At *present* it is impossible to carry the narrative on later than the year 1786. Some future time it will probably be continued. If you receive half an hour's amusement I shall be much gratified."—E. GULSTON.

P. 606, l. 5 from bottom. "George Lewis Scott, of Wolston Hall, was so named after George I. (perhaps his godfather). He married the sister of the celebrated Mrs. Montagu (a Robinson). He was, I believe, for some time a Commissioner of Excise."—JAMES BROWN.

P. 608, l. 7 from bottom, r. "Rev. Henry Mills, M.A." See notices of him in Lit. Illustrations, vol. I. pp. 775, 840.

P. 611, l. 10 from bottom, and l. ult. r. "Moore."

P. 613. Mr. *Wedgwood*, who established a pottery in imitation of the ancient Etruscan ware, at Etruria, in Staffordshire, had a printing press, at which he printed a "Catalogue of Cameos, &c., made and sold by Josiah Wedgwood," 8vo. 1787. He also published "A Description of the Portland Vase, formerly the Barberini; the manner of its formation, and the various opinions hitherto advanced on the subjects of the bas-reliefs." This was reprinted in 1845, to accompany an essay on the same subject by Thomas Windus, Esq. F.S.A.

P. 615, l. 19 from bottom, for "465," r. "455."

P. 620, l. 1. "J. B. R." was John Banger Russell, of Beaminster, Dorsetshire. He assisted in the Second Edition of the History of that county, and was a correspondent of the Gentleman's Magazine.

Ibid. l. 22. The widow of the Rev. William Romaine died Oct. 3, 1801.

P. 621, l. 2 from bottom, for "578," r. "579."

P. 622, l. 15, after "life," add "with an annual income of 5,000*l.*"

P. 623, l. 3, r. "yet."—L. 6. The lady was the notorious "Olivia Serres."—L. penult. r. "incitatum."—L. 3. The lawyer was Mr. Justice Hardinge.—L. 15. "R. C." was Mr. Archdeacon Churton.—L. 22. "E. J." was the Rev. Edward Jones.

P. 628, l. 11, r. "Tales."—L. 16, r. "thumb-nail."

P. 634, l. 12 from bottom, "The West India Pupil here mentioned, who married old Gamon's daughter, was Roger Hope Elliston, who afterwards became governor of Jamaica; and after his death she married James, the third and last Duke of Chandos, and died, after having been many years a lunatic, 20th January, 1813."—JAMES BROWN.

Ibid. l. 11. The son here mentioned, who published "*Primitiæ*," is Dr. Connop Thirlwall, the present learned Bishop of St. David's.

P. 643, l. 10 from bottom r. "Religion's."

P. 645, l. 4, r. "accoutered."

P. 646, lines 18, 19, omit "and on the other side the arms of England, Scotland, and Ireland in three shields."

P. 648, l. 5, omit the article No. 3, "on Numerical Letters, &c." Alter 4 in l. 6 to 3, and in l. 7, 5 to 4.

P. 652, l. 16, for "Tyne," r. "Newcastle-upon-Tyne."

P. 653, l. 24, add, "In 1825 were published 'Letters of the Rev. John Brand, M.A., &c. to Mr. Ralph Beilby, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.' Crown 8vo. 34 pp."

P. 654, l. 3. The Rev. Sir Harry Trelawney, Bart. died Feb. 25, 1834, aged 77. See memoir in *Gent. Mag.* June, 1834, p. 652.

P. 658, l. 6. See remarks on this passage in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for Nov. 1842, where the character of Dr. Parker, the rector of St. James's, is satisfactorily and ably defended; and many particulars respecting the doctor and his lady will be found.

P. 659, l. 12, Rev. Mr. Kidgell, who had the livings of Godstone and Horne, was obliged to fly the country, and at last died in Flanders. *Bray's Surrey*, vol. ii. p. 337. See *Monthly Review*, vol. xxix. pp. 396, 464, 476, vol. xxx. p. 157. In the *London Chronicle*, July 5, 1764, is a song by Mr. Kidgell, of Hertford College, written in 1747, called "Table Talk," beginning—

"When lovely Celia had resigned;

and ending—

"As, Ma'm, do you chuse a game of whist."

P. 659, l. 3, and 8 from bottom, for "Apology," r. "Analogy."

P. 661, l. 16. "The account of Dr. Ducarel is copied from Grose's '*Olio*,' p. 142."—J. DOWLAND.

P. 667, l. 33, r. "Expulsion from *Magdalen* College."

P. 669, l. 3, r. "Miss Henrietta Banister."—L. 19, add note, "Wm. Coyte, M.A. rector of St. Mary Stratford, Suffolk."

P. 670, l. 33, r. "dicat."

P. 679, l. 7, after "Religion" put a semicolon.

P. 688, l. 9. The Rev. Francis Wrangham, Archdeacon of the East Riding, died Dec. 27, 1842, aged 73. See a memoir of

this learned and elegant scholar in *Gent. Mag.* April, 1843, p. 430. He was a valuable correspondent to the *Gent. Mag.*, and to Mr. Nichols when printing the *Literary Anecdotes*.

P. 690, l. 12. Mr. Godwyn was mistaken when he said, in 1765, the "*History of the Christian Church*" was brought down to the present time.—L. 29, r. "Dr. Murray."

P. 692, l. 8. See a Memoir of Mr. Hutchinson in *Lit. Illustrations*, vol. I. pp. 421—427, with specimens of his correspondence.

P. 698, l. 22. Correct the article on the family of Hind thus: "The Rev. Thomas Hind (son of Richard Hine, or Hyne, who died at Grittleton in 1690) was Rector of Lillingston Lovell, and Vicar of Sibertoft, Northamptonshire, at the former of which places he died. His son Richard Hind, D.D. of Christ Church, Oxford, succeeded him at Lillingston Lovel, and was also Rector of St. Anne's, Westminster. He was born in 1715. He left three sons: 1. Thomas Hind, student of Christ Church, M.A. 1779, Rector of Ardby and Westwell, Oxon, and Vicar of Culworth, in Northamptonshire; died Jan. 10, 1815, aged 58. 2. John Hind, M.A. 1780, B.D. 1789, D.D. 1797, late Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, and Vicar of Findon, Sussex. 3. Martin Hind, of Leeds, in Yorkshire, who had several sons. Also, one daughter, Harriett, who died, unmarried, at Exeter, in 1815."

P. 703, n. l. 2, r. Dr. Lidderdale. He died April 11, 1766, aged 57.—P. 704, l. 27, r. "3 Jan. 1692."

P. 705, l. 6, for "father," r. "grandfather."

P. 706. George Longman, Esq. was younger son of Mr. Thomas Longman (see *Lit. Anecd. Index*, VII. 237), and brother of Thomas Norton Longman, Esq. (see p. 514 of this volume). Mr. George Longman was M.P. for Maidstone in two Parliaments, and fined for the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex. He died Nov. 23, 1822. He was the head of the firm of Messrs. Longman and Dickinson, the eminent paper-makers and stationers. John Dickinson, Esq. is the present Master of the Company of Stationers (1857).

P. 707, l. 10. The *Diary and Correspondence of Ralph Thoresby* were edited in 1830 and 1832 by the Rev. Joseph Hunter, F.S.A. See reviews in *Gent. Mag.* c. i. 153; cii. i. 141, 339.

P. 709. See the correct epitaph in *Polwhele's Cornwall*, vol. v. p. 95.

P. 711. The following additional list of Periodicals was drawn up in 1815..

Peregrinations of the Mind, by William Baker.

The Theological Magazine, No. I. February, 1804.

The Censor, 1804.

The Intruder, published at Aberdeen, 1804.

The Galvanist, by Hydro-Polycephalus, 1804.

The Miniature, April 23, 1804.

The Eclectic Review, 1805.

The Saunterer, by Hewson Clarke, September, 1805.

Melancholy Hours, by Henry Kirke White, 1805.

- The Antiquary (a Monthly Magazine), February, 1805.
 Hours of Leisure (in European Magazine), by G. —, 1805.
 The Literary Panorama, 1806.
 The Echo, No. I. 3rd January, 1807.
 The Cabinet; or, Monthly Report of Literature, No. I. March 1807.
 The Satirist; or, Monthly Meteor, No. I. October, 1807.
 The Antiquary's Magazine, No. I. October, 1807.
 The Inspector, by Simon Peep, Esq. 1807.
 The Director, by the Rev. T. F. Dibdin, 1807.
 Ruminator, in Censura Literaria, by Sir S. E. Brydges, 1807.
 The Guide, No. I. 28th January, 1808.
 The London Medical Review, No. I. February, 1808.
 Anticipation, No. I. March, 1808.
 The Spy, April 4, 1808.
 The Tradesman; or, Commercial Magazine, No. I. July, 1808.
 The Weekly Political Review, No. I. July, 1808.
 Breakfast Table; or, Ladies' Pocket Library, No. I. Oct. 1808.
 The Reasoner, 1808.
 The Moderator, 1808.
 The Musical Review, No. I. March, 1809.
 The Poetical Magazine, No. I. May 1, 1809.
 The British Bibliographer, No. I. July, 1809.
 The Constitutional Review, weekly, No. I. 8th July, 1809.
 The School Magazine, No. I. October, 1809.
 The Watchman; or, Theological Inspector, No. I. Nov. 1809.
 The Classical Journal, by A. J. Valpy, 1809.
 The British Review, 1810.
 The Tell-Tale, weekly, No. I. April, 1810, published at Bristol.
 The Venus; or, Luminary of Fashion, No. I. 15th Sept. 1810.
 The Town; or, Weekly Spectator, No. I. October 13, 1810.
 The Royal Military Chronicle, No. I. Nov. 1, 1810.
 The Whim, 31st December, 1810, published at Canterbury.
 The Agricultural and Commercial Magazine, No. I. Jan. 1811.
 The British Farmer's Magazine, No. I. June, 1811.
 Weekly Political and Literary Review, No. 1. 13th July, 1811.
 The Quarterly Musical Register, January, 1812.
 Mirror of Philanthropy, and Compendious Magazine, July, 1812.
 The New Review, by A. J. Valpy, No. I. January, 1813.
 The Pamphleteer, by A. J. Valpy, 1813.
 The *New Monthly Magazine*, No. I. January, 1814.
 Reminiscentia, by Sir S. Egerton Brydges, No. I. March, 1814.
 Heliconia, No. I. by Mr. Park, March, 1814.
 Archaica, No. I. March, 1814.
 P. 713, l. 11, for "very," r. "verily."—L. 16, omit "it."
 P. 714, l. 5, add note, r. "Holwell," see vol. III. pp. 26, 743.
 P. 721, l. 6. "This picture of Harley, in his Speaker's robes, is now (1819) in the Duke of Portland's collection at Welbeck, in fine preservation, and allowed to rank as one of Kneller's best paintings."—J. DOWLAND.
 Ibid. l. 5 from bottom, r. "Montaigne."

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P. 722, l. 6, r. "P. 755, l. 11, Thomas Pennant," &c.

P. 723, l. 18, r. "Cosmetic."

P. 724, l. 10 from bottom, r. Bp. "Barlow," not "Barton."

Ibid. l. 8 from bottom, "[Frances] the wife of Abp. Tobias Mathew, translated to York from Durham in 1606, a provident matron, daughter of Bishop Barlow (a confessor in Queen Mary's time), was a great benefactress to the church of York, bestowing upon it the library of her husband, which consisted of above 3000 books. She is memorable, likewise, for having a Bishop to her father, an Archbishop (Matthew Parker, of Canterbury) to her father-in-law, four Bishops to her brethren, and an Archbishop to her husband."—Camden's *Britannia*, 1722, vol. II., p. 881.

P. 729, l. 14, for "Bp. Hoadly," r. "Bp. Thomas," (see *Lit. Anecdotes*, vol. IX. p. 486).

Ibid. l. 19, r. "much as he could."

P. 730, l. 16. Dr. Thomas Rennell, Dean of Winchester, died March 31, 1840, in his 87th year. See *Memoir in Gent. Mag.* June, 1840, p. 654; see also *Lit. Anecd. Index*, VII. 348, 662; *Lit. Illustrations*, Index, VIII. 91.

Ibid. l. 19. The Rev. Thomas Rennell, Vicar of Kensington, B.D. F.R.S. died before his father, June 30, 1824, aged 37. See a memoir of him, written by the Rev. John Lonsdale (the present Bishop of Lichfield), in *Gent. Mag.* xciv. ii. 178; his character by Archdeacon Pott, *ibid.* p. 347; and his biographical portrait by Dr. Dibdin in *Gent. Mag.* Nov. 1836, p. 486. His bust by Chantrey was placed in Kensington church by subscription of the inhabitants, accompanied by an inscription which is printed in *Gent. Mag.* Feb. 1836, p. 147.

P. 731, l. 8, from bottom, r. "annuum."

P. 732, l. 4, r. "virtutes" and "valet;" l. 7, r. "coepta."

P. 735, l. 15, r. "Mrs. Eliza Berkeley died at Kensington, November 4, 1800, aged 66, and was interred at Cheltenham," &c.

Ibid. l. 6 from bottom, for "are," r. "is."

P. 737. Archdeacon Churton died on the 23d March, 1831, aged 76; see a memoir in the *Obituary of the Gentleman's Magazine*, vol. ci. i. 562.

P. 739, l. 4, for "Acworth, near Leeds," r. "Ackworth, near Pontefract."

P. 742, l. 13. See Noble's "Memoirs of the House of Cromwell," vol. ii. p. 99, *et seq.* for a long account of the family of Pye.

P. 743, l. 12. Dr. Parre. Add note, B.A. 1717; M.A. 1721; B.D. 1729; D.D. 1739.—L. 17 from bottom, r. "Durore."

P. 744, l. 9 from bottom, for "Jonathan," r. "Joseph."

P. 751, l. 24. The Rev. Edward Lye was born in 1694.

P. 759, l. 33, r. "M.A. 1767, D.C.L. 1772."

P. 761, l. 18, for "and," r. "who."

P. 765, l. 14 from bottom. The widow of the Rev. J. Wheelodon died Jan. 24, 1820.

P. 766, l. 11, for "635," r. "636."

P. 767, l. ult. Frances, Duchess of Somerset, died July 7, 1754.

P. 769, l. 1, for "change," r. "change."

P. 773, l. 18, r. "animalcula."

Ibid. l. 21. "I happen to possess a little book in 12mo. intituled 'Astronomical Dialogues between a Gentleman and a Lady, wherein the doctrine of the sphere, uses of the globes, and elements of astronomy and geography, are explained in a pleasant, easy, and familiar way, with a description of the famous instrument called the Orrery, by John Harris, D.D., F.R.S.,' 3rd edition, corrected by George Gordon, London, printed for C. Hitch, 1745. It is inscribed by the author in a fine fulsome dedication, sans date, to 'Lady Cairnes,' wife probably of either Sir Alexander or Sir Henry Cairnes, Bart. in which he expatiates in due form upon her 'natural graces, genteel accomplishments, intellectual beauties, *liberal table,*' &c. &c."—J. BROWN.

P. 783, l. 10. "There was a Sir Edward Bathurst, of Lechlade, in Gloucestershire, created a baronet in 1643, from whom it is very probable that the bookseller may have been descended."—JAMES BROWN. "Mr. Bathurst was one of the last descendants of the ancient family of the Bathursts, baronets, and lords of the manor of Lechlade, in the county of Gloucester. This branch of the Bathurst family suffered severely for their loyalty at the time of the Great Rebellion: their estate was sequestered, and a large sum of money extorted from them. Mr. C. Bathurst's first wife was a daughter of the Rev. Thomas Brian, Head Master of Harrow School; his second wife survived him many years: it was by this lady (my maternal grandmother) that the valuable literary correspondence of Swift and Pope which has appeared in the pages of the Gentleman's Magazine during the present year (1855) was preserved. She died Dec. 24, 1847, at Plympton, Devon, at a very advanced age.—CHARLES BATHURST WOODMAN." (Gent. Mag. Dec. 1855, p. 587.)

P. 784, l. 17 from bottom, the letter of Mr. Steevens here spoken of will be found in Literary Illustrations, vol. V. p. 443.

P. 785, l. 28, for "*chain*," r. "*claim*."

P. 791, l. 19 from bottom, r. "Wodehouselee."

P. 797, l. 9, for "1775," r. "1755."

P. 799, l. 13 from bottom, for "511," r. "513."

P. 804, l. 10, for "*Lester*," r. "*Lister*."

Ibid. l. 26, read "and in 1788, on the death of Dr. Harley bishop of Hereford, the Duke of Portland, &c."—J. DOWLAND.

Ibid. l. 33, for "Glassho," r. "Glasshouse."

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VOLUME I.

**** Several Additions and Corrections to this Volume are printed at the end of it, pp. 826 to 840.*

P. 44. Alter *Philip* Salter to *Samuel*.

P. 48. Add to reference to Rev. H. Hardinge, "Lit. Illustr. III. 10, 48."

P. 67, note 2, read the last sentence thus: "Ely. He was vice-chancellor when Dr. Bentley was degraded. His brother, Sir William Gooch, was created a baronet, with remainder to Dr. Gooch."—J. BROWN.

Pp. 79, 80, 81. There are several minute variations in these letters to Dr. Birch, when compared with the originals in the British Museum.

P. 111, note, l. 2. r. Marchioness De Grey, "his *grand*-daughter;" and l. 3, r. "his great-grandfather."

P. 152, l. 1, r. "Sir Stanier." Ibid. note, l. 4 from bottom, r. "great-grandfather."

P. 169, l. 2, r. "compiled by the Rev. W. Wollaston."

P. 218, in the lower note the words in the parenthesis should run thus: "(besides the Dedication to the Duke of Newcastle, Francis Lord Middleton, Sir Robert Clifton, Bart., Mundy Musters, esq., and the Mayor of Nottingham;)" and for "William Griffiths," r. "Griffith."

P. 220, l. 14 from bottom, r. "Sneinton;" l. 13 from bottom, for "1745," r. "1795."

P. 223, l. 23, for "four," r. "fourteen."

P. 248, l. 17 from bottom, r. "of the late Margaret Duchess Dowager of Portland to the living of Kirkby," &c. [This living was not then in the gift of the late Duke, but in that of his mother.]

P. 251, l. 15, r. "Lancaster." l. ult. r. "to the will."

P. 269, n. l. 2, r. "Sir Hans Sloane was born in 1660, and elected F.R.S. 1685."

P. 280, l. 26, r. "diaphonous."

P. 327, note, l. 5, for "divided," r. "united."

P. 422. Robert Surtees, esq. of Mainsforth, the historian of Durham, died 1834, in his 55th year. In his memory was founded THE SURTEES SOCIETY, "for the publication of inedited manuscripts illustrative of the moral, the intellectual, the religious, and the social condition of those parts of England and Scotland in-

cluded on the east between the Humber and the Frith of Forth, and on the west between the Mersey and the Clyde, a region which constituted the ancient kingdom of Northumberland:" which Society has continued its important labours to the present time. One of its most interesting works is "A Memoir of Robert Surtees, esq. M.A., F.S.A. by George Taylor, esq.* [originally printed in vol. iv. of the History of Durham, fol. 1834,] a new edition, with additions, by the Rev. James Raine, M.A. Author of the History of North Durham, &c." 1852. 8vo. See also Mr. Raine's Life of the Rev. John Hodgson, M.R.S.L. the historian of Northumberland, 1857. 8vo.

P. 427. The Rev. John Carr, LL.D., Master of the Free School at Hertford, was Mayor of that town in 1792, 1799, and 1800. He died June 6, 1807, aged 76. His translation of Lucian is noticed in "Literary Anecdotes," vol. IX. p. 211. See the epitaphs of himself and his wife in Clutterbuck's "History of Hertfordshire," vol. ii. pp. 159, 164.

P. 451, l. 10, r. "plures."

P. 494. The following corrections should be made in Dr. Sneyd Davies's "Merry Remarks upon the South Sea:" l. 18, r. "*that* place;" l. 7 from bottom, r. "among our lords;" l. 5 from bottom, r. "Jews and Gentiles."

P. 495, l. 3, for "turn," r. "sum;" l. 11, r. "headlong are our fools," &c.

P. 496, l. 1, r. "Thy present state;" l. 6, r. "and count their airy," &c.; l. 14, r. "who've least," &c.; l. 17, r. "t'other;" l. 21, r. "But should our South Sea Babel fall;" l. 23, for "honest," r. "losers."

P. 506. The sub-note should be §.

P. 601, note, r. "He was made Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, July 10, 1621."

P. 630, l. 4 from bottom, add reference * to "Berkshire."

P. 647, l. 21, for "1748," r. "1743."

P. 708, l. 7 from bottom of text, add reference * to "Davies;" l. 4 from bottom, add this note on the words "Father of Britain:"

"This picture of Camden, which hung formerly in the same house in his time, was presented to Lord Camden by James West, esq. P.R.S."

P. 712, l. 5 from bottom, for "1793," r. "1763."

"Unless I have strong authority to the contrary, I suspect Thomas Barnard, the son, was of St. John's College, Cambridge, A.B. 1740, A.M. 1744, S.T.B. 1752.

"The Oxford Thomas Barnard was most probably born in 1735, and therefore was only 21 when (according to Ecton, p. 729) a presentation was made to Wethersfield in 1756.

* George Taylor, esq. of Witton le Wear, co. Durham, died Jan. 2, 1851, in his 79th year (and his widow April 12, 1853): see a memoir of him in Gent. Mag. March 1851, p. 317, enlarged in the Memoir of Mr. Surtees above mentioned. He left an only son, Henry Taylor, esq. of the Colonial Office, author of "Philip van Artevelde" and other much-admired dramas.

"Corpus Christi College, Oxford, has no Fellowship for the diocese of York."—W. LAYTON.

P. 728, add note to l. 21, "The Rev. John Chetwode Euston died at Naples in 1815."

P. 733, l. 21, r. "Epist. vii. 44."

P. 763, note †, for "Witherfield" (twice), r. "Wethersfield;" for "died in 1782," r. "1781." See Gent. Mag. vol. li. p. 542.

P. 772. The invitation to the Rev. James Tate, of Richmond, co. York (afterwards Canon of St. Paul's), drew from that learned gentleman the following communication to Mr. Urban:—

"As the successor of the Rev. Anthony Temple in this place, bound to him by a strong debt of obligation and gratitude, if the *power* be mine to do justice to his memory, I am without excuse if found wanting in the *will*. The inclination may seem to have lingered too long in general design: it is now avowed in the shape of a specific and immediate purpose. I pledge myself for the execution without further delay; and shall briefly state what has been done, and what yet remains to do, on that account.

"Betwixt the years 1766 and 1791 Mr. Temple published seven Sermons at different times, and five Tracts in the controversy which arose out of Mr. Lindsey's "Apology for resigning the vicarage of Catterick." Of these tracts and sermons, very exactly enumerated in the "Literary Illustrations," u. s. a small edition was several years ago reprinted; and the publication is ready to proceed, as soon as a brief preliminary Memoir and a few posthumous pieces are given to the press.

"Those pieces consist chiefly of two beautiful Latin Elegies; of Essays on the *δαίμονια* of St. James ii. 19, on the *ἀπήγξατο* of St. Matthew xxvii. 5, and on the *αὐτὴ ἡ ἀπογραφὴ πρώτη* of St. Luke ii. 2; and of Miscellaneous Remarks on the question of the pre-existence of Jesus Christ, in reply to Dr. Priestley, originally intended for the 'Essays and Commentaries' of the Society in Essex Street."

P. 787. Another Rev. John Farrer died Oct. 5, 1820.

P. 801, l. 9 from bottom, for "grest," r. greet."

P. 803, l. 13, for "Gibson," r. "Gibson*;" l. 25, for "College*," r. "College†."

P. 804, l. 20 and 21. The note on Bishop of Lincoln should be "Dr. John Hough;" and the excellent archbishop was probably Dr. Sharp, of York; if not, Archbishop Tenison.

P. 812, note 1, l. 3 from bottom, r. "died 1717."

P. 814, sub-note, for "were," r. "was."

P. 816. The Rev. John Killingbeck, Vicar of Leeds, died universally lamented Feb. 12, 1715-16, aged 66 years, and was interred under the communion table of his own church, on the 16th. See an excellent account and character of this exemplary divine in Dr. Whitaker's "Leodis et Elmete," ii. p. 40-44; and his Latin epitaph, p. 53.

P. 834, l. 24, for "Shenton," r. "Finborough;" l. 31, for

"Peekirk," r. "Peakirk;" for "Glenton," r. "Glinton;" l. 33, for "Shenton," r. "Finborough;" l. 43, r. "assiduous."
 P. 835, l. 29, r. "twenty-second Dragoons;" l. 38, r. "Paston."

VOLUME II.

*** Additions and Corrections to this Volume will be found at the end of it, pp. 845—852.*

- P. 2, l. 25, for "Brideford," r. "Bridgeford."
 P. 23, l. 16, r. "Ben Smith's affair;" l. 31, r. "Poor Ben."
 P. 51, l. 4 from bottom, r. "there."
 P. 57, l. 1, r. "you."
 P. 85, l. 3, r. "living in."
 P. 94, l. 11, for Savanna*, r. Savanna†.
 P. 136. The first note should be marked *, instead of †.
 P. 203, l. *penult.* r. "Worde."
 P. 214, l. 13, r. "Antony."
 P. 232, l. 4. A correspondent, M. H. observes,

"The nine-men's morris is all filled with mud."

Nine-holes or morrice-holes was a play in which nine holes were dug in the ground, and a ball bowled: the owner of the hole into which it ran was obliged to strike one of the other players with the ball, or pay the forfeit of his failure. Nine holes were always used, although the number of players did not always amount to so many. Titania seems to mean, from the badness of the weather the usual pastimes were no longer practicable.

P. 384, l. 2, for "wells," r. "walls."

P. 633, l. 23, "nayword, perhaps bye-word." M. H. observes, "Nayword is still used in Staffordshire more frequently than bye-word."

- P. 652, l. 3 from bottom, and p. 653, l. 10, r. "Dauphin."
 P. 654, l. 21 from bottom, for "1674," r. "1574."
 P. 655, l. 26, r. "Laureatey;" l. 9 from bottom, r. "set."
 P. 683, l. 20 from bottom, for "the," r. "the company."
 P. 723, note, l. 7, r. "Moore Smith's comedy."
 P. 731, l. 18 from bottom, *dele* "own."
 P. 739, l. 1, r. "are compared."
 P. 770, note, l. 5, r. "Heneage Finch."
 P. 831, l. 15 from bottom, r. "engrossed."

VOLUME III.

*** Some Additions and Corrections in this Volume are printed in page xvi.*

- P. viii. in advertisement, l. 14, r. "Bierley."
 P. x. is by mistake marked xii.

P. xii. l. 21, for "eminent bookseller," r. "Triphook."

P. xiii. l. 9, r. "Dr. John Burton, of York."

P. 10, l. 20, for "addicted," r. "applied;" as the former word is generally used in a bad sense.

P. 13, l. 6, for "1784," r. "1788."

P. 17, l. 5 from bottom, for "expense," r. "existence."

P. 18, l. 8 from bottom, for "1793," r. "in the long vacation of 1792."

P. 23, l. 13, "liberality of sentiment." The whole of this does credit to Mr. Hardinge's head and heart.

P. 24, l. 27. The date of Mr. Hardinge's letter was probably "Oct. 15."

P. 41, notes, l. 14 from bottom, r. "Jemmatt."

P. 44, l. 15, r. "Rev. Philip Salter." See vol. i. p. 11.

P. 46, l. 5 of note, for "xlvi." r. "xxvi."

P. 48, l. 2. The Rev. H. Hardinge died Sept. 7, 1820. See Additions to Lit. Anecdotes, vol. v. p. 345.

Ibid. l. 18. How delighted would Mr. Justice Hardinge have been to witness the deserved success and renown of his nephew, Lord Viscount Hardinge!

Ibid. l. 18. Sir Richard Hardinge, Bart. died Nov. 5, 1826, aged 71. He was the 8th son of Nicholas Hardinge, esq. by Jane, daughter of Lord Camden. Having no issue by his wife, Mary, daughter of the Earl of Ross, the baronetcy, by virtue of the remainder, devolved on his eldest nephew, the Rev. Charles Hardinge, brother of the late Viscount Hardinge.

P. 49, l. 12. Afterwards created "Lord Viscount Hardinge." This eminent soldier and statesman died Sept. 24, 1856.

P. 54, l. 10 from bottom, *dele* "have."

P. 56, l. 21, for "Diomede," r. "Diadem."

P. 92, l. 2 of the Poetry, for "grave," r. "wave."

P. 100, l. 12. "M. S. Nicolai Hardinge. Decessit mense Aprilis, 1754." The following Notes on Mr. G. Hardinge's Latin Lines on his Father are by himself:—

Ibid. l. 17, "Pieridum." "He was allowed on all hands to be one of the best Latin poets in his day; and few since the Augustan age have been so happy in imitating its poetical vein, that of Horace in particular."

Ibid. l. 21, "Nupta," &c. "I have attempted his character in a series of Elegiac Poems, called, 'The Filial Tribute.'"

Ibid. l. 22. Patriot, &c.] "He was a rigidly honest, useful, public servant of the revenue, as Joint Secretary of the Treasury. In his general politics he was a determined and zealous Whig."

P. 126. The mark † refers to note * in p. 129.

P. 127, l. *ult.* r. Gent. Mag. vol. lxxv.

P. 146, l. 10. Add—

Of domestic bliss depriv'd,
For his country he surviv'd.

P. 206, l. 25, after "Warewyk," add "see Walpole's Letters to Cole," p. 42.

P. 213, l. 4. Add note on "engagements." "These are excellent remarks."

Ibid. l. 27, after "execution," add note, "The sale of Charles Fox's effects took place in 1781."

P. 224. l. 16, r. "Triphook and Co.;" l. 29, r. "17s. 4½d." The five last lines run thus :

" My living assets cannot pay your bill,
Because—to mention it I'm broken-hearted—
Because this life insolvent I departed.
Messieurs, I'm yours, without one single farthing ;
For my executors and self, George Hardinge."

P. 362. Add to note, "Six tracts by the Rev. John Watson are printed in the *Archæologia*:— 1. A Letter to Lord Willoughby of Parham, ascertaining the true situation of Coccium; vol. I. p. 65. 2. An Account of a Roman Station lately discovered on the borders of Yorkshire, 1766; ib. 216. 3. On the antient Campodunum; ib. p. 222. 4. Druidical Remains in or near the parish of Halifax in Yorkshire, discovered and explained; vol. II. p. 353. 1771. 5. Account of a Roman Station called Melandra Castle; vol. III. p. 236. 6. Account of undescribed Antiquities; vol. V. p. 83.

P. 366, l. 27, for "Rev. Thomas Wilson," read "Mr. Thomas Wilson."

P. 373, l. 1, for p. "412," read "312."

P. 383, l. 14. Omit the words "the Dr."

P. 435, l. 14, for "Rev. Mr. Burroughs," r. "Rev. James Burrough."

P. 438, l. 9. The unpleasant circumstance to which Mr. Jones refers in this letter was one that made a great deal of noise at the time in the world, especially among the Dissenters, viz. the death of Elizabeth, widow of Lord James Russell, fifth son of the first Duke of Bedford, and second wife of Sir Henry Hoghton, Bart. on the 1st September preceding the date of this letter, and the consequences that followed upon it. Who she was originally I have not been able to discover;* but "she had" so managed as to acquire (as Mr. Urban says) "an excellent character," and especially among the poorer classes of Dissenters, multitudes of whom she had persuaded to lodge their little pittances of money in her hands, very probably, I should suppose (though I have no proof of the fact at this distance of time), from the same cause which has taken in so many weak people to their ruin—the expectation of an unreasonable and illegal interest. All this went on very smoothly while she lived, but at her death the principal was not forthcoming, and nobody found to pay any more interest; in consequence of which many were left in circumstances of miserable distress. I remember hearing two old relatives of mine discussing the business some forty years ago, of whom one endeavoured to

* Lord James Russell married secondly, 14 Aug. 1697, Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Tryphæna Grove, Dr. Burgess performing the ceremony. Wiffin's Memoirs of the House of Russell, ii: 223.

reason with the tenderness and piety of your good-natured letter-writer here, and cried for mercy upon the character of Lady James; but the other was disposed, though by no means an ill-tempered man, to think it all misplaced tenderness, and to join the general cry of the world, who gave her ladyship no quarter, and said that it arose from nothing but an ambitious desire to scrape together, *viis et modis quibuslibet*, so much money as to make her only child, Miss Tryphæna Russell, a fortune of 100,000*l.* (a great sum of money in those days), to Mr. Thomas Scawen, M.P. for Surrey, to whom she was married: the real state of facts cannot now probably be ascertained—*sub judice majore lis est*. At all events everybody seemed to join in exculpating her husband Sir Henry Hoghton, who was considered as a very honourable man, who had no share in the plot, and who, having no children, was much more likely to have lost than gained anything by his lady, whose conduct was understood to have been a source of great trouble and distress to him. Poor Dr. Doddridge was said to have had a funeral sermon ready cut and dried for the apotheosis; but the bubble had burst, and such hints had been whispered about before the appointed day, that he very prudently laid it up for future use.”—J. BROWN.

P. 447. The first note on this page should have been at the bottom of the preceding page.

P. 465. Mr. James Brown observes: “A gentleman some years ago gave to a dear friend of mine, now, I trust, *τη μακαριτιδι*, a fine print, from a painting of Teniers, of ‘The Miraculous Draught of Fishes,’ dedicated to Archbishop Herring, with his arms, impaled with those of the See of Canterbury, on the margin—Gules, 3 herrings between 9 cross-crosslets argent.”

P. 472, l. 1, r. “Rev. Dr. Thomas Wray.”

P. 484, l. 9 from bottom, for “1768,” r. probably “1708.”

P. 492, note. The Rev. Richard Arnald wrote a Commentary on the Apocrypha, but not on the Old Testament.

Ibid. l. 10 from bottom. “Mr. Gustavus Brander is not totally unknown to you, though he was to the archbishop.”—J. BROWN. Mr. Brander was elected a Trustee of the British Museum: see the memoir of him in Lit. Anecd. VI. 260.

P. 515, lines 3 and 22, r. “W. S. Powell;” Dr. William Samuel Powell, Master of St. John’s College, Cambridge. See Lit. Anecd. Index, VII. 332, 655. Literary Illustrations, vol. IV. p. 373.

P. 518, l. 2, for “Mr. Lawson,” r. “Rev. John Lawson.”

P. 545, note, l. 1, “for Robert,” r. “Ralph.”

P. 573. Sir Egerton Brydges, Bart., died Sept. 8, 1837, in his 75th year: see memoir of him in the Gentleman’s Magazine for Nov. 1837, p. 534; and his “Autobiography,” published in 1834.

P. 678, l. 26. “The name Mr. Morant inquires after is generally understood, I believe, to be designed for Thomas Pride, though it may pass as well for Humility. I see I have written in my copy of Noble’s Memoirs of the Regicides ‘Vix legibile.’ I

remember there was many years ago in one of the numbers of the Universal Magazine, which I then possessed, a good copy of the Death Warrant, probably taken from that published by the Society of Antiquaries, and some memoirs of every one who signed it."—
J. BROWN.

P. 704. The two notes on Dr. Tunstall and Bishop Yonge are transposed.

P. 742, l. 3 from bottom, r. "Earl Fitzwilliam's, at Wentworth House." Wentworth House and Wentworth Castle are different places; the latter was the residence of the late Earl of Strafford.

P. 743, l. 21. William Alexander, Esq. F.S.A. Keeper of the Prints in the British Museum, died July 22, 1816. See *Gent. Mag.* vol. LXXXVI. ii. 279, 369, 565; and Britton's *Autobiography*, for a portrait of him.

Pp. 747 and 749, for "Nicholas Sambrook," r. "Sambrook Nicholas" Russell.

P. 830, note, l. 3, for "Preston," read "Troston."

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P. 3, l. 10, r. "Kepler."

P. 50. The following curious particulars, connected with the works of Sir Isaac Newton, are from the letters written by Mr. William Bowman, some of which appeared in *The Scotsman* in Jan. 1828. Of Mr. Bowman see some notices in *Literary Illustrations*, vol. V. 53; see also many particulars of him in *Literary Anecdotes Index*, vii. 39.

"Egham, June 22, 1760.

"—— By the posthumous works of Sir Isaac Newton, I meant his *Chronology and Explanation of the Prophecys*, published by Mr. Conduit, whose daughter married Lord Lymington, son to the Earl of Portsmouth, but, both being dead, their children are under the care of their grandfather; and consequently all the papers of their grand-uncle at his disposal. To those may be added, two *Dissertations on the Spurious Texts*, 1 John, ch. v. and vii., and 1 Tim. ch. iii. and xvi., sent by Mr. Locke to Le Clerc at Amsterdam, without a name; but he not daring to print them, he deposited them in the public library, whence they were copied and printed new in 1754. Whiston mentions them in his *Athanasian Forgery* 1736, and Wetstein used them in his edition of the New Test. 1757. The old gentleman never would see Whiston and Emlyn, but conversed with Dr. Drake* only, during the Domitianian controversy on the subject; and from him transpired the faults of these texts, which these papers demonstrate so clearly, that Dr. Waterland never once durst quote that of St. John.

"Next to be added, are four letters to Dr. Bentley in 1692, chaplain to Bishop Stillingfleet, in order to make him comprehend

* James Drake, M.D. F.R.S. See *Lit. Anecd.* vii. 115.

his system, and the use to be made of it in religion, before he ventured to introduce it into his sermons at Boyle's lecture, about that time begun. They were deposited in the library at Cambridge, and at last printed in 1756, after I had a copy of them sixteen years in MS. In page 19, he quotes Blondel on Bombs, for Plato's *Lyncea*, that if the planets from some remote region had been let fall towards the sun, in arriving at their several orbs, their motion of falling would have turned into a transverse one. I doubt the passage is not in Plato's works, but in some of his scholiasts or commentators, as perhaps you may be informed by Mr. Muir.* From these it appears that Sir Isaac was at great pains to thrash his principles into Bentley's head, and prevent his misrepresenting them, and doing mischief. Wherefore he was a most arrogant pedant, in boasting that, if he had not introduced the Newtonian Philosophy into the world, Sir Isaac might have taught a school to his death at Cambridge.

"It must be owned that the clergy, who used to be frightened at common sense, were afraid both of him and Mr. Locke; and it is remarkable that Stillingfleet, who dreaded Locke's metaphysics, was the first who encouraged the Newtonian philosophy in religion. Of all men, Sir Isaac had the most comprehensive idea of the connexion of the material and moral world, without uttering his schemes otherwise than by his organs Drs. Bentley and Clarke, particularly the latter. At the Revolution we had some vestiges of Christianity in reformed churches, but none of its pure genuine principles. These Sir Isaac and Mr. Locke brought to light, which shone but faintly on my coming to town forty-one years ago. But had Sir Isaac's History of Christianity for the First Four Centuries escaped the flames, we should have seen to what a degree priests had corrupted it in those early ages (of this work some fragments and chapters still remain), more than sophists and mountebanks had vitiated all natural knowledge.

"You'll excuse these anecdotes on Sir Isaac's posthumous works, which your inquiries have led me into."

"Egham, June 3, 1762.

"—— I hear the Hutchinsonian cabbalists are busy mumbling the Newtonian Philosophy; one Jones having wrote a great book † against it, and Allen ‡ of Oxford has another in the press, gnawing it like a rat, which does no honour to that University education. From 1728 to 1729, I remember at the Bambou coffee-house,

* Probably George Muir, M.A. of Paisley, Scotland, author of two sermons, "Propagation of Christian Knowledge, Matt. viii. 11, 1766." 8vo. "Parable of the Sower, Luke viii. 5, 1769." 12mo.

† See p. 625.

‡ John Allen, M.A. Vice-Principal of Magdalene hall, Oxford, B.C.L. 1730, author of "The Two-fold Evidence of Adoption. Rom. viii. 16. 1758." 8vo.—"The Weakness and Wickedness of being Righteous over-much, the folly of affected Wisdom, and the ruin consequent upon both. Eccl. vii. 16. 1759." 8vo.—"No Acceptance with God with Faith only, James ii. 14. 1761." 8vo.—"The Enthusiasts' Notion of Election to Eternal Life disproved, 1 Cor. ix. 27. 1769." 8vo.—"Associations against the Established Church indefensible. Isaiah viii. 9, 10. 1773." 8vo.

corner of St. Martin's-lane, the old black Diogenes Hutchinson,* then clerk of the delivery of corn and hay in the King's Mews, there placed by Charles Duke of Somerset, from being his Master of Horse. He always moved in a solitary corner, and was known to the company by the name of a Dark Lantern; but knew no more of mathematics and philosophy than the King's horses. Nor can all his disciples together in one blind divan decypher any one section in the Principia, even with the help of all its commentators. I have a burlesque print, and wish it realised on their heads, a parcel of rats, one knowing Sir Isaac's books, papers, telescopes, and optical instruments; and above, Mother Mid-night drowns 'em in a deluge inscribed Frontis-p—. But men are too apt to believe what they hear, and discredit what they see."

"DEAR SIR,

"Egham, July 29, 1762.

"You may justly wonder what is become of me in not answering your letter of June 28. But the 26th I set out for Oxford, and there waited till July 3 for the Hertford family, who promised to be there the 30th. I lived among the young people of Christ Church, Lord Beauchamp,† his brother,‡ Sir James M'Donald,§ and Mr. Pepys,|| Mr. Swinton,¶ and other acquaintances. I dined twice in the hall, and frequented the common room, where conversation flows with the bottle. Three discourses I heard delivered in the Theatre, on the commemoration of their founders and benefactors, among all which the preference is still given to the Royal Martyr. In imitation of Dr. Blackstone's English Law lectures, Dr. Jenner** of Doctors' Commons having undertaken the civil law, but upon attending one of them I was surprised to find he had mistaken the law of nations for the civil. In short, I do not find that they have a notion of studying any one branch of science from regular principles, but harangue and lash away at all, turning their scholars into books of all sorts, like colts into a hay-meadow, while their young tutors undertake all, before they are masters of any one.

"They have demolished the Newtonian philosophy without being able to understand it. For there I met a 4to book of 280 pages, just printed, intituled an 'Essay on the First Principles of New-

* Rev. John Hutchinson. See Lit. Anecd. Index, vii. 192.

† Francis afterwards second Marquess of Hertford, K.G. created M.A. June 15, 1762. He succeeded his father 1794, and died 1822.

‡ The Hon. Henry Seymour-Conway, of Hertford college, B.A. June 20, 1764; afterwards of Merton, M.A. July 1, 1767. He was subsequently Lord Henry Seymour-Conway, and died 1830.

§ Sir James Macdonald, 8th Baronet, succeeded 1746, died at Rome July 26, 1766, unmarried, and was succeeded by his brother Sir Alexander, afterwards created Lord Macdonald in 1776.

|| William Weller Pepys, of Christ Church, B.A. 1763, M.A. 1766; afterwards a master in chancery, created a Baronet in 1801, and father of Lord Chancellor Cottenham.

¶ John Swinton, esq. of that ilk, afterwards Lord Swinton, and a member of the College of Justice in Scotland?

** Robert Jenner, of Trinity college, B.C.L. 1737, D.C.L. 1742, Regius Professor of Civil Law 1754—1767.

tonian Philosophy,' wherein the use of second causes in the material world is demonstrated from reason, experiments, and the testimony of antiquity, in four books, by the Rev. William Jones,* of University College, author of the 'Catholic Doctrine of the Trinity;' which, being replete with impudence, ignorance, and sophistry, has diverted me extremely at the expense of my patience, in spite of my indignation. Such works are the natural consequences of Pemberton† and M'Laurin,‡ in geometrising the Principia. It is a continued quibble on the words—impulse, attraction, power, resistance, and inertia, &c., and which mounts Sir Isaac and all his followers on the theatre of a bear-garden, and sets them all a' tilting on a great battle-royal. You may judge of his knowledge by this specimen (p. 13), 'There is but one law known to us, which a fluid, opening from a centre in straight lines to a circumference, can possibly observe; and it is this, that its force will decrease as the angle grows wider, or, to speak more strictly, the force will always be inversely as the square of the distance from the centre.' Thus angles are measured, not by their apertures, but the length of their sides.

"This elaborate work, however, being of great curiosity and edification to the learned, a Convocation was called to reward the author with a doctor's degree; when four heads of houses opined at once for it; but, some considering that Sir Isaac being long in possession of his philosophic reputation, there was a presumption of his being in the right, without knowing he really was so or not, it would be prudent not to unchair him before they heard the opinion of the world; and so the thing was deferred."

"Egham, Surrey, Jan. 7, 1760.

"By death and removals our parish is much broken, and yet we can collect thirty gentlemen and ladies, not that I am young enough to dance after having been full forty years out of my own country. But we have a philosopher§ of about eighty-five who can sing a Grecian Dithyrambic and foot a country dance with his grandchildren, loving it more than they do.

"When the Speaker|| wrote to me about our Secretary,¶ I did object to a physician, as we are overrun with the faculty, who at first set aside honest Martin Folkes as successor to Sir Isaac in the chair; and declared for a mathematician, imagining that one of old Halley's family would answer that purpose; but betwixt two medical folks the oldest and best known seemed the most preferable.

* Rev. William Jones, the father of the great Sir William Jones. See memoirs of him in Lit. Anecd. vol. i. p. 463, and Index, vii. 208, 606.

† Henry Pemberton, M.D. F.R.S. See Lit. Anecd. vii. 315, Lit. Illustr. ii. 4.

‡ Colin Maclaurin, F.R.S. Professor of Mathematics in the university of Edinburgh. See the list of his works in Watt's Bibliotheca; also see Lit. Anecd. vii. 243.

§ This philosopher was probably Dr. Hales, presently noticed.

|| Arthur Onslow, Esq.

¶ To the Royal Society.

"In all these affairs the great interfere without doing us any good. At the last election I voted with Lord Northumberland for Dr. Knight,* though then I knew him not, because he was one of the inventors of steel magnets, and author of 'An Attempt to demonstrate the Phenomena of Nature from Attraction,' &c. But Lord Hardwicke's weight bore us down in favour of Dr. Birch, who has more industry than genius; a hunter of historical anecdotes, and rather a compiler, than an author, of the 'Critical Belles Lettres and Classical Antiquities;' he knows little more than Browne Willis, the Gothic owl, who always roosts in the ivy of abbey ruins, whereof few of them are worth seeing, except Tintern on the Wye above Chepstow, especially to any man who has seen monks in their castles intire on the continent."

Of Dr. Hales, Mr. Bowman says, in a postscript to one of the letters, "I am extremely concerned for the loss of my old friend Dr. Hales† of Teddington. He was of so much Christian simplicity and naïveté, that Nature courted him in all his experiments, when she run away from affected fine fellows."

P. 51. Some other letters of Sir Isaac Newton were published in the Monthly Magazine for April and May, 1820, chiefly from originals in the British Museum.

P. 72, l. 15, for "causes," r. "causeys or causeways."

P. 77, l. 20 from bottom, Bishop Skirlaw built a chapel (it is believed on the model of King's College Chapel, Cambridge) at a village called Skirlaigh (his native place), in Holderness, east riding of Yorkshire. Bishop Skirlaw is also said to have built the episcopal palace at Howden, and built or heightened the steeple of the church at that place.

Ibid. l. 26. Throughout the letter of Bishop Gibson, for "Bishop," r. "Archbishop." L. 2 from bottom, r. "Neile." L. 6 from bottom r. "Montaign." L. 13 from bottom, for "Swinburn," r. "Blackburn."

P. 82, l. 12, r. "ακλαστος."

P. 131, l. 3, for "1531," r. "1513."—P. 139, l. 3, r. "Selden."

P. 141, l. 20; and p. 699; for "Fanque," r. "Fauque."

P. 175, l. 8, for "of," r. "on."—P. 189, n. r. "Sayer Rudd."

P. 217, l. 12 from bottom, r. "homines."

P. 233, n. l. 1, r. "Brander."

P. 256, n. for "Brewson," r. "Richardson."

P. 257. l. 20 from bottom, r. "Dr. Sedgwick."

P. 261, l. 10, r. "Rutherford's book."

* Gowin Knight, of Magdalen college, B.A. 1736, M.A. 1739, M.B. 1742, and F.R.S. See a list of his writings in Watt's Bibliotheca.

† Stephen Hales, of Corpus Christi college, Cambridge, B.A. 1699, M.A. 1703, B.D. 1711, D.D. at Oxford by diploma 1733, and F.R.S. 1718. He was descended from the ancient family of Halesbourne in Kent, was Minister of Teddington in Middlesex for fifty-one years, and Clerk of the Closet to the Princess of Wales. He died Jan. 4, 1761, in his 84th year. See a memoir of him in Lysons's Environs of London, second edit. 1811, vol. ii. p. 739; a list of his works in Watt's Bibliotheca; see also Lit. Anecd. Index, vii. 166, 584, and Lit. Illust. Index, viii. 48.

P. 280, l. 2 from bottom, for "1126," r. "1726."

P. 287. The "General Biographical Dictionary" of Mr. Alexander Chalmers is noticed in "Literary Anecdotes," vol. IX. p. 209. The first volume was published in May 1812, and the second, third, and fourth in the three next ensuing months; after which, a volume was completed every other month; and even that speed was surprising considering the great labour of the work. It was completed in March 1817, the fifteen volumes of 1798 having been amplified to thirty-two. It was augmented by 3934 additional lives; and of the remaining number 2176 were re-written, and the whole revised and corrected. The total number of articles exceeds 9000. The copy was beautifully prepared in Mr. Chalmers's neat hand-writing, and few corrections were necessary in the proof-sheets. They were all carefully read by Mr. Nichols in their passage through the press. Mr. Chalmers had the advantage of perusing the "Literary Anecdotes" some time before publication, and the great use made of that work in the "Biographical Dictionary" is apparent by the numerous references Mr. Chalmers made to it, under its original title of "Bowyer's Life."

Mr. Chalmers and Mr. Nichols were in almost daily communication whilst engaged on these two works. They literally "took sweet counsel together," and walked in the field of literature as friends. Mr. Chalmers collected considerable materials (arranged as far as letter D) for a new edition of the "Biographical Dictionary," which passed into the hands of Messrs. Longman and Co., and the other proprietors of the work.

On the death of Mr. Nichols, his family were indebted to Mr. Chalmers for the excellent memoir of their father which appeared in the Gentleman's Magazine for Dec. 1826 (which is reprinted in this volume); and on Mr. Chalmers's decease, on the 10th Dec. 1834, in his 76th year, the present writer took the opportunity of recording (in the Gentleman's Magazine for Feb. 1835, p. 207) his high sense of Mr. Chalmers's worth, as an author and editor, as a most worthy man, and a most agreeable companion.

He was born at Aberdeen, March 29, 1759, the youngest son of James Chalmers and Susanna daughter of the Rev. James Trail, minister at Montrose. His father was a printer, well skilled in the learned languages, and established the first newspaper known at Aberdeen; which, after his death in Sept. 1764, was carried on by his son and grandson. Alexander's grandfather, the Rev. James Chalmers, professor of Divinity in the Marischal College, died Oct. 8, 1744, aged 58. About the year 1777 he left his native city, having obtained the situation of surgeon in the West Indies, and he had arrived at Portsmouth to join his ship, when he suddenly altered his mind, and proceeded to the metropolis. He soon became connected with the periodical press, his literary career commencing about the same time with that of his townsman James Perry, the latter as a writer in the General Advertiser, and the former as the editor of the Public Ledger and London Packet.

This was during the American war, when party spirit ran very high. At this period Mr. Chalmers acquired considerable fame as a political writer. He also contributed to the other popular journals of the day. In the *St. James's Chronicle* he wrote numerous essays, many of them under the signature of *SENEC.* To the *Morning Chronicle*, the property of his friend Mr. Perry, he was for some years a valuable assistant. He was also at one time editor of the *Morning Herald*. He was a contributor to the *Critical Review*, then published by Mr. George Robinson; and to the *Analytical Review*, published by Mr. Johnson. At this period he lived almost wholly with Mr. Robinson, whom he assisted in judging of MSS. offered for publication, as well as occasionally fitting the same for the public eye. On his death Mr. Chalmers recorded his friendship for him by a memoir in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for June 1801.

No man ever edited so many works for the booksellers of London; and his attention to accuracy of collation, his depth of research as to facts, and his discrimination as to the character of the authors under his review, cannot be too highly praised. In 1793 he published a *Continuation of the History of England*, in letters, 2 vols.:—2d edition, 1798; 3d edition, 1803; 4th edition, 1821. In 1797 he compiled a *Glossary to Shakspeare*; in 1798 a *Sketch of the Isle of Wight*; and an edition of the *Rev. James Barclay's complete and universal English Dictionary*. In 1803 he edited "*The British Essayists, with prefaces historical and biographical, and a General Index,*" 45 vols. Another edition of this work was called for in 1808. In 1803 he prepared an edition of *Shakspeare*, in 9 vols. 8vo. with an abridgment of the more copious notes of Steevens, and a *Life of Shakspeare*. This edition was accompanied by plates from designs by H. Fuseli, Esq. R.A. and was reprinted in 1812. In 1805 he wrote a *Life of Burns*, and a *Life of Dr. Beattie*, prefixed to their respective works. In the same year he was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. In 1806 he edited *Fielding's Works*, 10 vols. 8vo.; *Dr. Johnson's Works*, 12 vols. 8vo.; *Warton's Essays*; the *Tatler*, *Spectator*, and *Guardian*, 14 vols. 8vo.; and assisted the *Rev. W. Lisle Bowles* in the publication of *Pope's Works*, 10 vols. 8vo. 1807. In 1807 he edited *Gibbon's History, with a Life of the Author*, 12 vols. 8vo. In 1808, and following years, he prefixed prefaces to the greater part of the volumes of a collection, selected by himself, known as "*Walker's Classics,*" from the name of their publisher. They consisted of 45 vols., and met with great encouragement. In 1809 he edited *Bolingbroke's Works*, 8 vols. 8vo.; and in this and subsequent years he contributed many of the lives to the magnificent volumes of the "*British Gallery of Contemporary Portraits,*" published by Cadell and Davies. These notices, though short, are authentic and valuable. In 1810 he revised an enlarged edition of "*The Works of the English Poets from Chaucer to Cowper*;" including the series edited, with Prefaces, biographical and critical, by Dr. Johnson,

and the most approved Translations. The additional Lives by Mr. Chalmers." In 21 vols. royal 8vo. In the same year he published "A History of the Colleges, Halls, and Public Buildings attached to the University of Oxford, including the Lives of the Founders;" a work which he undertook at the request of his old friend Mr. Cooke the bookseller at Oxford, and which was rendered more attractive by the engravings by Messrs. Storer and Greig. In 1811 he revised through the press Bishop Hurd's edition of Addison's Works, 6 vols. 8vo.; and an edition of Pope's Works, in 8 vols. 18mo. In the same year he re-published, with corrections and alterations, a periodical paper, entitled "The Projector," 3 vols. 8vo. These essays were originally printed in the Gentleman's Magazine. They began in Jan. 1802, and were continued monthly to Nov. 1809. He had previously written a periodical paper, called "The Trifler," in the Aberdeen Magazine; but those essays were never printed separately. In 1812 he prefixed a Life of Alexander Cruden to the sixth edition of his "Concordance." His labours on "The General Biographical Dictionary," already noticed, next followed. In Nov. 1816 he re-published "The Lives of Dr. Edward Pocock, the celebrated Orientalist, by Dr. Twells; of Dr. Zachary Pearce, Bp. of Rochester, and of Dr. Thomas Newton, Bp. of Bristol, by themselves; and of the Rev. Philip Skelton, by Mr. Burdy," in 2 vols. 8vo. In 1819 he published "County Biography," 4 numbers; and a Life of Dr. Paley, prefixed to his Works. In 1820 he abridged the Rev. H. J. Todd's enlarged edition of Dr. Johnson's Dictionary, in 1 vol. 8vo. Of this a second edition was printed in 1824. In 1822 he edited the ninth edition of Boswell's "Life of Johnson;" in 1823 a new edition of Shakspeare, and another edition of Dr. Johnson's Works. Mr. Chalmers was for nearly fifty years a valuable contributor to the Gentleman's Magazine, his communications commencing in 1788; and he commemorated in its Obituary many of the publishers and eminent printers with whom he had been intimate. His portrait has been lithographed from the original in crayons, by Wainewright, in possession of his executor H. Foss, Esq. of Pall Mall. See further in the Gentleman's Magazine for Feb. 1835.

P. 305. Mr. Ambrose Dickins died August 25, 1747.

P. 314, l. 1, dele "to."

P. 315, l. 15 from bottom, r. "Garthwaite."

P. 331, n. l. 5 from bottom, for "1755," r. "1775."

P. 352, l. 16 from bottom, r. "Elohim."

P. 375, n. l. 5, from bottom, r. "Augustin Bryan."

P. 376. Dr. Richard Warren, the eminent physician, was the eldest son of the Rev. Richard Warren, Archdeacon of Suffolk, and brother of Dr. John Warren, Bishop of Bangor. He was at the head of his profession; and died in 1797, aged 66. He was buried at Kensington. He was author of a paper on the Bronchial Polypus, and another on the Colica Pictorum, in the Medical Transactions. See some anecdotes of his admirable

judgment and presence of mind in Faulkner's Kensington, p. 208.

P. 378, n. r. "by one of their two Divinity Fellows, who is also one of the Tutors of the College."

P. 411, n. l. *penult.* for "411," r. "412."

P. 468, n. l. 3, r. "Londsbrough."

P. 519, n. l. *ult.* for "784," r. "184."

P. 545, n. It did not occur to Mr. Nichols's recollection, that he had given a long memoir of Mr. A. Dalrymple, in *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. VIII. pp. 32 to 39.

P. 682. The letter of Dr. Walker had already been printed in *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. VI. p. 392.

P. 713, l. *ult.* r. "vol. VIII. p. 204-561."

P. 799. Add to the publications of Dr. John Calder, "The Nature, the Object, the Distinctions, and the Season of Charity considered. A sermon preached at St. Thomas's, Jan. 1, 1772, for the benefit of the children educated at the charity school in Gravel Lane, Southwark. By John Calder, D.D. Printed at the request of the managers, and sold at Mr. Peyton's, stationer, in the Borough, 1772." "Appendix to the 'Theological Repository.' By John Calder, D.D."

P. 832. John Lee is one of the eight busts in the mausoleum at Wentworth. The other seven are Burke and the Duke of Portland, Frederic Montagu and Sir George Savile, Fox, Admiral Keppel, and Lord George Cavendish.

P. 839. The Rev. Dr. Primatt was buried at Higham, Suffolk. At the east end of the church-yard he is thus commemorated: "The Rev. Humphrey Primatt, D.D. many years minister of this parish, a faithful disciple of the meek and humble Jesus. He died the 23d of February, 1777, aged 42 years."

P. 877. The following additional traits in the character of the learned Dr. T. D. Whitaker, were communicated by P. W. to the *Gentleman's Magazine* for April, 1822.

"Not long after the visit at Mr. Parker's of Browsholme, and the interview between Bishop Watson and Dr. Whitaker, Dr. Whitaker gave me a particular account of the conversation which he had with Bishop Watson. His Lordship having advanced some doctrine a little heterodoxical, the Doctor thought himself bound to confute his assertion, by adducing various passages from the fathers and orthodox divines of the Church of England. So forcible and appropriate were the Doctor's arguments, that the Bishop was absolutely posed, and, though he might have recourse to the fourth or fifth shelf, he was unable to cope with the Doctor, but gently took him by the hand, and jocosely though artfully waived the argument by saying, 'My good friend, when you come to see me at Calgarth, I shall be happy to resume the subject.' Notwithstanding Dr. Watson's excessive vanity, he was a most pleasant companion. I will now, said Dr. Whitaker, give you one example of it. 'I never,' remarked his Lordship, 'expect to rise higher in the Church, though all the world knows it is not for

want of abilities.' I have reason to suppose that the severe though just critique on the 'Life of Bishop Watson,' in the Quarterly Review, was written by Dr. Whitaker.*

"Some idea may be formed of Dr. Whitaker's powers of extempore eloquence, from the following narrative. Some years ago I went to pay a visit to my late respected friend at Holme. I there met with a neighbouring clergyman. Soon after my arrival, there was a funeral of a very respectable parishioner. Supposing that an eulogy over the remains of so virtuous a character might have a good effect on his hearers, he preached a funeral sermon on the occasion. I sat at some distance from the pulpit, and observed that the Doctor's address was entirely extempore. Though he preached more than half an hour, he possessed such a *copia verborum*, and such a degree of fluency and propriety of expression, that the learned clergyman never observed that it was an extempore address.

"Finding that the Methodists began to increase in his neighbourhood, and that some of his flock were seduced by their zeal, or by their extempore though uncouth harangues, he was determined to become all things to all men, in order to gain the more. His first model of preaching, he told me, was the plain and pious Bishop Wilson. Afterwards, when use had rendered extempore preaching familiar to him, his custom was, to retire into his library about half an hour before the service began. Having selected his text, he seated himself in his arm chair and closed his eyes;—in this manner he arranged and divided his sermons. After so short and peculiar mode of preparation, it was truly wonderful to hear with what pathos, correctness, and energy he addressed his attentive audience."

P. 882. The Rev. Dr. Thomas Frognall Dibdin died Nov. 18, 1847, aged 71. See memoir in Gent. Mag. Jan. 1848, p. 87, and a postscript by his daughter in p. 338. Dr. Dibdin published his own "Reminiscences of a Literary Life" in 1836.

P. 884. James Edwards, Esq. died Jan. 2, 1816. See before in this volume, p. 474. His books were sold by Mr. Christie in 1804, and by Mr. Evans in 1815. See an account of his books in Clarke's "Repertorium Bibliogr." p. 442. The articles in the second sale, in 1815, produced 8467*l.* 10*s.*

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P. 23, l. 24. Mary, the only daughter of Joseph Gulston, Esq. was married April 29, 1760, to Charles Colemore, Esq. Gent. Mag. 1760, p. 249.

P. 65, l. 12, for "1806," r. "1809."

P. 93, l. 14, for "1823," r. "1825."

P. 124, l. 16. The Rev. Edward Moises having announced his intention of resigning the head-mastership of Newcastle Royal Grammar School in the year 1828, the pupils of the Latin class,

* It is assigned to him in the List of Contributors to the Quarterly Review, in the Gentleman's Magazine, N. S. vol. xxi. p. 144. (This list is continued in the same volume, p. 577, in vol. xxiii. p. 599, and in vol. xxviii. p. 34.)

influenced by respect for the many virtues and scholastic attainments of their venerable preceptor, entered into a subscription, and purchased an elegant and massive silver snuff-box. It was inscribed: "Presented to the Rev. E. Moises, by the Latin scholars of the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, as a token of respect. Dec. 1828."

P. 128, l. *ult.* The Rev. Moses Manners died at Newcastle-upon-Tyne Feb. 3, 1842, aged 82. He was rector of Thelverton, near Scole, Norfolk, to which he was presented by his fellow-townsmen, Lord Chancellor Eldon, in 1813. He was also incumbent curate of St. Anne's at Newcastle, to which he was presented in 1781.

P. 207, l. 21, r. "To Miss Sarah Nichols."

P. 208, l. 19. The second marriage of Sir Herbert Croft was performed by Dr. Percy, Bishop of Dromore, by special licence, at Ham House. A very curious poem by Sir Herbert Croft on this occasion was printed in the European Magazine for August, 1797, vol. xxxii. p. 115.

Ibid. Jan. 12, 1781, died in Lamb's Conduit-street, John Laird, Esq. barrister-at-law, F.R.S. and F.S.A., author of the very excellent "Letters on Poland." The death of this respectable gentleman induced Sir Herbert Croft, then a young barrister, to draw up proposals for relieving the families of Barristers, who, never having succeeded in their arduous profession, have died leaving their families in distress. (See *Gent. Mag.* 1781.)

P. 209. Mr. Fush, of Pembroke College, Oxford, an ingenious young man, was the author of a series of essays called "The Trifler," printed in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1786. (See vol. LVI.) The periodical ended with the twelfth number. In March, 1787, the unfortunate author ended his life by arsenic. (See *Literary Illustrations*, vol. V. p. 213.) His death was not noticed in the Gentleman's Magazine.

P. 209, note †, for "Dr. Richard," r. "Dr. William" Adams. See an article on Dr. William Adams in *Lit. Illustr.* vol. V. p. 277; and for a full memoir of this amiable and learned divine, see Chalmers's *Biographical Dictionary*, vol. i.

P. 210, note, l. 1, r. "Elmsly;" l. 2, r. "Elmsley, and St. Mary Hall."

P. 216, l. 20, for "15," r. "14;" line 2 from bottom, r. "15."

The following letter to Mr. Nichols may be added to those already published in p. 216:—

"Amiens, 12th Sept. 1810.

"MY WORTHY AND VERY OLD FRIEND,—I am not sure whether a parcel which I sent you a little time ago may have been lucky enough to reach you. This I have good reason to hope will. It contains a French work of Lady Mary Hamilton's; one of mine; and a very striking publication, of which my book speaks. If any bookseller should like to have any one (or all three) translated, in order to be published, we shall be content (Lady Mary and I) with such terms as you are kind enough to make for us; and I will thank you to take the

money and write me word here at Amiens. I exact two things—that Lady Mary's translator say the first edition in French was sold in two months, and prefix a translation of this criticism of the book in the French papers which I inclose; and that the translator of the "Dernier Homme" copy in a preface what my book says of it (p. 78, &c.), whether my book be thought worthy of translation or not.

"I am besides ready to be the editor, with my name, of all Lady Mary's English works mentioned in the French notice, and to make any little necessary corrections (by her ladyship's desire), if the same bookseller will undertake the publication.

"Hoping to hear from you, and with best wishes for you and yours, I remain, your very sincere Friend, "H. CROFT."

P. 222, l. 12 from bottom, for "1820," r. "1821." Dr. Ford was buried in the church of St. Mary-le-Port at Bristol. In the chancel is this inscription on his tombstone: "Rev. Thomas Ford, LL.D. obiit Anno Domini 1821. Ætatis suæ 79." His widow survived him. He left a large mass of papers relative to his life, and his course of reading and study.

P. 235, l. 5. The friendly correspondent was the Rev. John Lowthian of Kellington, a frequent writer in the Gentleman's Magazine under the signature of Omicron. He was a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A. 1797, as 2nd Wrangler and 2nd Smith's prizeman; M.A. 1800; and was presented by that society in 1818 to the vicarage of Kellington in Yorkshire, where he died Feb. 24, 1840.

P. 253, l. 8, and in note, r. "Dr. Blomfield, Bishop of London."

P. 255, l. 3, r. "recollect where, &c."

P. 271, l. 5 from bottom, for "John," r. "William Hopkinson, Esq."

P. 326. In a letter from Mr. B. Forster to Mr. Nichols, dated Aug. 17, 1784, he mentions a life of the Rev. B. Forster, Rector of Boconnoc, intended to be inserted in a History of that parish which he had recently compiled, but pathetically laments that a long and severe illness has prevented his proceeding to digest his materials respecting some other parishes in that neighbourhood.

The List of Rectors supplies the following dates:—

"Charles Peters was author of a Dissertation on the Book of Job, of which honourable mention is made by Dr. Lowth (afterwards Bp. of London), in his letter to Dr. Warburton, Bp. of Gloucester. Mr. Peters removed from Boconnoc to the rectory of Bratton Clovelly, Devon, and from thence to the valuable rectory of St. Mabyn, in Cornwall, where he died in the year 1777. This rector built the south front of the parsonage-house of Boconnoc, with the apartments behind it, since altered and new-modelled by Rev. B. Forster.

"Henry Sutton was drowned at sea, on a voyage of pleasure from Cornwall to the coast of Bretagne.

"Francis Ayscough, afterwards D.D. (1735), Clerk of the Closet to Frederick Prince of Wales, and Dean of Bristol. He

married a daughter of Sir Thomas Lyttelton of Hagley, co. Worcester, Bart. (sister to the first Lord Lyttelton, and to Christian, wife of Thomas Pitt, esq. of Boconnoc), by whom he had issue; 1. George-Edward, author of 'Semiramis,' a tragedy, who died unmarried; 2. a daughter, married to Sir Jas. Cockburn, Bart.

"Benjamin Forster, Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 1760; Lady Campden's Lecturer at Wakefield, Yorkshire, 1776; Rector of St. Mary Abchurch, London, 1772, which living he quitted for these consolidated rectories, with the rectory, &c. of Carhaes, 1773. This rector built the north-west part of the parsonage-house of Boconnoc, and the staircase, and opened to view the adjoining valley and brook, with the surrounding woods." See Lit. Anecd. Index, VII. 138, 567; Lit. Illust. Index, VIII. 37, 38; and in this volume, pp. 554—565, 634—639.

P. 326. John Britton, Esq. F.S.A., died January 1, 1857. See memoir in the Gentleman's Magazine for February 1857, p. 185, and other memoirs in the Builder and Literary Gazette for the same period.

P. 328. The following characteristic letters of Mr. Mason were addressed to the Rev. Benjamin Forster:—

1. "DEAR SIR,

"Aston, April 13th, 1770.

"As I am obliged to pay a visit to the Dean of York next week, and as Lord Holderness writes that he will be here on Saturday, *i.e.* to-morrow sevennight, it will I fear be impossible for me to meet you at Wortley; but if Lord Holderness should defer his journey three or four days, which is very frequently the case, I will endeavour to come over either on the Sunday evening or Monday morning, for I take for granted, as you do not intend to go till the middle of next week, it is not your meaning to return to Wakefield before that time.

"If you have got the drawing and estimate of the fence, I wish you would inclose it in a letter to me at the Dean's at Melton, near Doncaster, because it is for him that I want it. Alderson joins in compliments.

"Believe me very sincerely yours,

W. MASON."

"To the Rev. Mr. Forster."

2. "DEAR SIR,

York, August 29th, 1770.

"As Lord Holderness informs me that you have told him at Aston the adventures of yourself and my mule with much life and good humour, I take for granted this letter will find you at Wakefield.

"I am heartily sorry you was prevented from returning the week you intended, because had you come to York during the races I should have had the pleasure of your making a third to some of Palgrave's* and my evening tête-a-têtes. He is gone with

* The Rev. William Palgrave, LL.B. 1760, of Pembroke college, Cambridge, of an ancient Norfolk house, Rector of Palgrave thirty-three years, and of Thrandeston forty years, both in Suffolk. He died suddenly at Brightelmstone, Nov. 5, 1799, aged 64, and was buried in Palgrave church in the chancel, within the altar-rail; a flat stone covers his grave. "The

Mr. Weddel to Scarborough, and has promised to see me on his return. If he gives me any notice I will write you a line, in hopes that you may meet him at my house.

"Pray tell Mr. John Dixon* that I was sorry to hear on Sunday from the Archbishop that his intention is to hold his ordination not at Bishopthorpe, but Broadsworth. I hope, however, I shall see him whenever he has a spare week, either before or after the ordination, as suits him best.

"Pray did you see Mr. Haggitt? From a letter which I received from him I think he must have been in the neighbourhood where you was. "Yours very truly, W. MASON."

3. "DEAR SIR,

"Curzon Street, Feb. 3rd, 1771.

"I have received your two clumsily-folded packets, and when I see you in Yorkshire shall teach you the art and mystery of packet-making. A man who (like me) has served a seven years' apprenticeship to a Secretary of State may well be shocked to have two such packets as yours, addressed to him, pass through that office.

"I am not conscious of any superlative degree of spirits. Frisky indeed I have been, and frisky in a good cause; for by the friskiness of myself, and some of my friends, my new Lord of Ely† has been prevented from succeeding in an act of rascally rapaciousness, which outdoes every instance that ever occurred in the annals of Episcopacy since the Reformation. *Longa est fabula*; and it must be deferred till we meet: in the meanwhile take the sum of it. The living of Stretham, in the Isle of Ely, became vacant during the vacancy of the see. The Duke of Grafton procured it from the King in the handsomest way for Mr. Brown.‡

rectory garden was said to be laid out by Mason, and a sequestered alcove still remains bearing the name of the Poet's Corner. My late friend the Rev. William Alderson was the last survivor of those who personally remembered Mr. Palgrave. He used to meet him during his visits at Aston, and described him as a person of small stature, neat in his appearance, agreeable and clever in conversation, and a very pleasant companion. He was much esteemed by his parishioners at Palgrave, charitable to the poor, and pursuing with care the duties of his parish. His elder brother assumed the name of Sayer, and married Miss Tyrrell of Gipping, afterwards Lady Mary Haselrigge. To the Rev. William Palgrave, it is said, Mr. Lawson of Boroughbridge is indebted for a small but valuable collection of antiquities collected during Mr. Palgrave's travels in Italy with his friend Mr. Weddell of Newby (who at that time made the collection of statues now belonging to Lord de Grey). Mr. Lawson has also Mr. Palgrave's journal, undertaken by Gray's advice." Note by Rev. John Mitford, in Letters of Gray and Mason, p. 154.

* The Dixons were relatives of Mason. He bequeathed his landed property to Mr. William Dixon, son of his half-sister Anne, wife of the Rev. Henry Dixon, Vicar of Wadworth, Yorkshire.

† Dr. Edmund Keene.

‡ James Brown, Fellow of Pembroke college, and Master of Pembroke hall, Cambridge, 1770. He graduated B.A. 1729, M.A. 1733, D.D. per lit. reg. 1771. He was joint executor with Mr. Mason of the will of the poet Gray. See letters addressed to him by Gray in the additional volume of Gray's Letters, edited by the Rev. John Mitford, 1853. See also Index to Lit. Anecd. vii. p. 522, but his name was Brown, not "*Browne*."

Notwithstanding this, the Bishop set every engine at work to stop the business that he might give it to his nephew, and even got Mr. Brown to resign his pretensions on a promise of putting him on his list for some other preferment that might afterwards fall; but by our getting the King's hand hastily to the presentation, and passing it briskly through all the offices up to the Great Seal, the Bishop was forced to submit, though with the worst grace possible. And now our honest friend is actually in possession of a living worth near 300*l.* within ten miles of Cambridge, which, added to his Mastership (that without it would have hardly been a maintenance), will make him as much happier than the Bishop, as he is better than all the Bench put together.

"I have had Pergolesi's Mass by me some time; but, as there is no more single airs in it besides those you have, I have not thought it worth while to send it to you: but a line from you at any time shall command it.

"Madame Sirmen, the female fiddler, passes all eulogium. She is the only thing I have heard since I came in the musical way worth mentioning. Her piano is astonishing, *ipsa mollities!*"

"I neither wish to see J. Dixon at Aleppo, nor you at Petersburg, because I know I should then wish to see you both more than ever. Irish as this is, I hope you will feel the meaning of it, which is much better than understanding it.

"Mr. Pitt* I understand is perfectly recovered. If I can learn when Pa.† intends to be at Cambridge, I have some thought of going down there for a week or so before my wintering in March commences; but I dare not go there unless Pa. meets me, for the Professor is so touchy that I am afraid of being alone with him.

"Yours very sincerely, W. MASON."

"Remember me most kindly to J. Dixon and Frank."‡

"To Rev. Mr. Forster, Wakefield."

4. "DEAR SIR,

"York, June 13th, 1772.

"I am, I assure you, full as solicitous about your health as you are about your exchange, and I fear our solitudes are equally vain, for you will not take care of the one, and I fear all your care will not secure the other. I long much to see you, for I have a story about you and your promising Lord that would do your heart good to hear; but you shall not have it without coming for, and it is richly worth the trouble of a York journey.

"Alderson, I believe, will be here on Monday sevenight, and I dare say would come by Wakefield, and accompany you and Frank here, if his dancing relations have released him from fiddling; so

* Thomas Pitt, first Lord Camelford. (See Index to Literary Illustrations, VIII. 18.)

† Mr. Palgrave: see p. 634.

‡ Francis Dixon (afterwards the Rev.) is alluded to. He afterwards married the only daughter of Edward Forster, Esq. Governor of the Russia Company; of whom see in this volume, p. 552, where also the Rev. F. Dixon is mentioned. (See Lit. Illus. IV. 72; V. 862, 864; VI. 628; VIII. 552.) Mr. John Dixon was probably the brother of Francis.

do come, and let not excuses, which may do well enough for the Morrisits,* be given to me, for I won't take them. We will have a comfortable week, and none of the natives shall break in upon us. Here is a lecture-reading philosopher in this place; his name is Walker, who has much merit in his way, but much more in my estimation for having made a new and surprising discovery of a method of producing a sound from wire-strings as sweet as the *Æolus* harp, and of as long continuance. He can adapt a stop of this kind to any common harpsichord, and the effect is wonderful. The operation too is the simplest that can be imagined, and yet it does everything that the very complicated mechanism of *Plenius* produced in his lyrichord, which, if you ever saw, will give you some idea of this invention. Now you must know I am so *entêté* with this discovery, that I have engaged him to put his stop to my old harpsichord. I therefore desire you would immediately put it in some warmer room; get it tuned as well as you can, that he may see it. He is going to Leeds soon, and will call on you at Wakefield for this purpose; and, if he thinks the instrument will answer, it must be sent to him to Leeds, or whither he shall direct. When he comes I shall give him a letter of recommendation to you. I believe you will like him, for he seems very intelligent and communicative, and not more of a coxcomb than a very clever man usually is; and, to complete his character, he is one of you Presbyterians.

"The Morrisits are much yours, and ready to talk you to death whenever you please, of which death I die daily. Remember me kindly to Francis, and believe me,

"Very cordially yours,

W. MASON."

"To Rev. Mr. Forster, Wakefield."

5. "DEAR SIR,

"Aston, Nov. 15th, 1774.

"I received yours of the 31st of last month, and am now preparing for a London journey. I fancy I shall stay there till after Christmas; but as I go up with Mr. Montagu I shall not be able to call at Cambridge in my way.

"Alderson is at present in London settling an article with Mr. Verelst, who has purchased a considerable part of this estate. It is probable we shall pass one another on the road, for I imagine by this time he has finished the business he went about. He was inducted into Tickhill last month; but I fear his income will not be much increased by it for some years, the late incumbent having let the land run out of all condition. As Mr. Verelst has bought the village, and consequently the steward's house, Alderson's stay here is rather uncertain;† however, he is secure for a year, and therefore we shall both of us have time to look about us.

* Of John Bacon Sawrey Morrit, of Rokeby. See *Lit. Anec. Index*, VII. 633; *Lit. Illus.* V. 314.

† The Rev. Christopher Alderson was of a Cumberland family. He came to Aston as Curate to Mason, with whom he lived on terms of the most confidential intimacy: he became the Poet's executor, and was presented to the living by the Duke of Leeds, the patron, on Mr. Mason's death. He also held the valuable living of Eckington, in the same neighbourhood,

"With regard to Francis, I shall never think it impertinent in him to write to me, even if he has nothing to say; yet, at the same time, I never would wish anybody to write to me when they have nothing to say. If you had mentioned in your last when he would want another bill, whether at his beginning to reside or at the end of the quarter, I should have been glad to have known it. Whenever either you or he informs me of this, you will please to direct to me under cover to Richard Stonhewer, Esq. Excise-office.*

"I am not without hopes of seeing you in town before I leave it. Believe me, yours very faithfully,

"W. MASON.

"My respects to Mr. and Mrs. Pitt."

"To Rev. Mr. Forster, Boconnoc."

6. "DEAR SIR,

"York, May 4th, 1775.

"Though your letter of the 21st of April, which I have just now received, is written in very civil and obliging terms, yet I think I can perceive in it some signs of displeasure, though I cannot take that displeasure to myself, not being conscious that I have given you any just grounds for it. I did indeed smile at the last letter I received from Mr. Francis, which informed me that, at your desire, he was to be made a proper sizar, and that you would be at the expense. Now as I remembered no advantage that accrued from this change, except the privilege of wearing a slip of velvet on his gown, I own I thought that any expense (even the smallest) on this account was rather unnecessary, nay even improper. But this I did not write to Francis, having long laid it down for my own maxim, to let him be directed entirely by you; indeed, had not this been my maxim, I should have found myself certainly put in the wrong, had I presumed at any time to give him advice contrary to yours. But now even the shadow of a reason for my ever interfering in his concerns is over, and you may depend upon it I shall never wish to see him in Yorkshire, on account of that very prejudice which such a journey might do him. What his mother may wish is with me out of the question, because it seems to be out of the question with you and himself.

"I am extremely sorry that the two copies of the *Memoirs*,† on large paper, which I had ordered for you and Mr. Pitt (in the list of presents to Mr. Gray's friends), have not been received. I

presented to him by the Crown. He died in 1814, having previously resigned the rectory of Aston to his son the late Rev. William Alderson, M.A. who died Sept. 30, 1852, in his 80th year, and of whom a memoir will be found in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, N. S. vol. xxxviii. p. 531, communicated by the Rev. John Mitford, who was much indebted to him for contributions to the *Correspondence of Gray and Mason*.

* Mr. Stonhewer was son of Dr. Stonhewer of Houghton, co. Durham. Having been secretary to the Duke of Grafton, in conjunction with Mr. Bradshaw, he was made a Commissioner of Excise. "He was," says Horace Walpole, "a modest man, of perfect integrity, invariably attached to Lord Grafton from his childhood." (*Memoirs of George III.* iv. 66.) He is frequently mentioned in the *Correspondence of Gray with Mason*.

† Of his *Memoirs of Gray*, first published in 1775, 4to.

cannot conceive the reason of this, nor do I know any way of correcting the blunder, except by desiring you to write a line to Dodsley, and to direct him by what carrier he is to forward them to Boconnoc. I beg my best respects to Mr. Pitt, with my congratulations to him and his lady on the birth of an heir.

"I leave this place for Aston on the 11th, which you may imagine the fine spring season makes me very impatient to do. I am, dear Sir, very sincerely yours,

"W. MASON."

"To Rev. Mr. Forster, Boconnoc."

P. 369, l. 14. The date should be 1740; l. 15, r. "As you propose printing."

P. 347, l. 5 from bottom of text, r. "Walking from Hampstead to London," &c.

P. 349, l. 12, read thus: "Among whose various endowments were included considerable skill as a draughtsman, and accuracy as a copyist."

P. 417, note, line 3 from bottom, for "p. 328," r. "398."

P. 433, l. *ult.* The person alluded to was Mr. John Rivington, bookseller, of St. Paul's Churchyard; he was Master of the Company of Stationers in 1775, the year this letter was written.

P. 440. The following criticism on two plates by, or attributed to, Hogarth, was communicated to the Gentleman's Magazine, March 12th, 1783, by Mr. George Steevens:—

"Throughout Mr. Nichols's excellent but unequal account of Hogarth and his Works, there is no decision I am so much inclined to controvert, as that respecting the first of the two plates to Milton. Perhaps the critic had only seen some imperfect copy of the Pandæmonium, or formed his idea of it on the vague description of those who had considered it with less attention than it really deserves. In my opinion, our artist's arrangement of the infernal senate affords a happy instance of his power to exhibit scenes of picturesque sublimity. The ample space within the arcade, containing myriads of subordinate spirits,—the vault above, illuminated by supernatural fires,—the magnificence and elevation of Satan's throne,—his superior stature, and the characteristic symbols over the seats of his peers, are circumstances entitled to a more flattering reception than they have met with. That this print has likewise absurdities, I am ready to allow; yet a Voltaire might ask whether most of them are not inseparable from its subject. I wish, for the sake of those who acknowledge the genius of Hogarth only in familiar combinations, that the plate in question were less rare.* Our connoisseurs in general might then decide on its merits. The only known impression of it, as well as of its companion, is in the collection of Mr. Walpole, who once indulged me with a sight of them both.

"I am content, however, that the second of these plates should be abandoned to the austerities of criticism. The archi-

* The two plates to Milton are copied by Mr. Thomas Cook, in Nichols's Works of Hogarth, 3 vols. 4to.

ture in the skies is every way unsuitable to its place. The characters of the Almighty and our Redeemer have little, if any, discrimination of attributes or years. They appear swinging on a festoon composed of tiny cherubs, clustered together like a swarm of bees. The Father rests his arm on one of these childish satellites, and the Son holds another by the wing, like Domitian catching a fly. Beneath is a concert of angels, who perform on different instruments, and among others (as Mr. Nichols's book expresses it) on a clumsy organ. Lucifer, approaching the new-created world, appears but as an insect, flying towards an apple. This part of Hogarth's subject is beyond the compass of any design on a contracted scale. Satan might be delineated in the act of alighting on a promontory, a part of the earth; but, when its complete orb is exhibited on a slip of paper measuring about six inches by four, the enterprising fiend must be reduced to very insignificant dimensions. Such a circumstance may therefore succeed in a poet's comprehensive description, but will fail on any plate designed for the ornament of a little volume.

"Let me add, that these two are the neatest and most finished of all the engravings by Hogarth. The second might have been mistaken for one of the smaller works of Picart. Perhaps the high price demanded for the plates was the reason why a series of them was not continued through the other books of 'Paradise Lost.'"

P. 442. In the *Gent. Mag.* for April 1783, pp. 316-320, is a very long letter of Mr. Steevens, containing anecdotes of Hogarth, and criticisms on his plates; but the information there given was, it is presumed, afterwards incorporated in Mr. Steevens's and Mr. Nichols's *Anecdotes of Hogarth*.

P. 443. The following letter to Mr. Urban, in Feb. 1785, was by Mr. Steevens:—

"MR. URBAN,

"In your catalogue of an Evening Club established by Dr. Johnson at a public-house in Essex-street, you have distinguished such members as attended the funeral of this truly great man; observing, likewise, that other gentlemen of the same society, 'by mistake,' were not invited. On inquiry, however, I find that your information was erroneous. All who were designed by the Doctor's executors to be present at his interment were summoned by cards of special invitation. In your Magazine for December you have told the public, and truly, that one of the number, then mentioned by you, had no other introduction than that of Dr. Brocklesby.

"To compensate so trivial a correction in your valuable Miscellany, I inclose you a list of as many of Dr. Johnson's associates as originally met at the Turk's Head in Gerard-street, Soho; were from thence transplanted to Prince's in Sackville-street, Piccadilly; and now dine at Baxter's in Dover-street on almost every Tuesday during the session of parliament. Their names are set down according to the order in which they appear on their books, a circumstance supposed to have been regulated by their

seniority in the club. The three first are the only survivors among the original members by whom the rest were chosen. Since Mr. Garrick's funeral this association has been called (what I am told it has never called itself) **THE LITERARY CLUB.**

"* Sir Joshua Reynolds, * Mr. Burke, * Mr. Langton, Earl of Charlemont, Bishop of Dromore [Dr. Percy], * Sir Charles Bunbury, Doctor Fordyce, * Mr. Colman, Sir William Jones, Mr. Boswell, Sir Robert Chambers, * Mr. Steevens, Right Hon. Charles James Fox, Earl of Ossory, Mr. Gibbon, Mr. Adam Smith, Mr. Vesey, Bishop of Killaloe [Dr. Barnard], Mr. Sheridan, jun., * Sir Joseph Banks, * Mr. Windham, Dean of Ferns [Dr. Marlay], Rev. Dr. Joseph Warton, Earl Spencer, * Dr. Scott, Bishop of St. Asaph [Dr. Shipley], Lord Eliot, Rev. Thomas Warton, Lord Lucan, * Mr. Malone, * Mr. Burke, jun., Sir William Hamilton, Visc. Palmerston, * Dr. Burney, Dr. Warren.

"Withdrawn—Sir John Hawkins.

"Dead—Samuel Dyer, Christopher Nugent, Oliver Goldsmith, Antony Chamier, Hon. Topham Beauclerk, David Garrick, Lord Ashburton, **SAMUEL JOHNSON.**

"This club, consisting of thirty-five members, is said to be full. Those marked with an asterisk attended the remains of Dr. Johnson to Westminster Abbey.

"I am, Sir, your most humble servant, &c."

P. 443. In Feb. 1785, Mr. Steevens first communicated to the Gentleman's Magazine some original and interesting anecdotes of Mr. Levett, the friend of Dr. Johnson, to whose memory the several biographers of the Doctor have since done ample justice. (See Gent. Mag. 1785, p. 101.)

P. 443. The following caustic letter on Mr. Samuel Ireland, in the Gentleman's Magazine for Nov. 1797, p. 931, was from the pen of Mr. Steevens:—

"MR. URBAN,

"Nov. 7, 1797.

"Upon his brow Shame is ashamed to sit.—*Romeo and Juliet*, act iii. s. 2.

"Your readers, and particularly those who subscribed to the authenticity of the Norfolk-street Shakspeare, cannot fail of gratification when they hear that a striking likeness of the modest Editor of that celebrated work has been, or will speedily be, published by Mr. Gillray, to whom the admirers of correct drawing and picturesque design have been so often indebted for a very high degree of entertainment.

"Presaging, as it seems, a future and glorious notoriety, the Editor aforesaid had long ago prepared an etching from his own portrait. As it exhibits, however, a set of features rather too juvenile and attractive, a more recent and faithful copy from its original is become a desideratum among gentlemen who wish for an octavo frontispiece to their collections of the pamphlets written in consequence of the Shakspearian forgery.

"The earliest and largest of the two heads already mentioned

being improperly classed by Mr. Granger's successor, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Gillray has seized this opportunity of pointing out that, instead of Class VII. both the plates should be arranged under Class X.*

"Let me now, Mr. Urban, conclude by characterising this portrait from the words of Mawworm, in the comedy of the Hypocrite, who, clapping his hand on the shoulder of the detected Dr. Cantwell, cries out, 'This good man's ashamed of nothing.'

"Two engravings on the subject of the pseudo-Shakspeare made their appearance above a year ago. The first is intitled, 'The Gold Mines of Ireland,' by Mr. Nixon; the second, 'The Ghost of Shakspeare appearing to his Detractors,' by Mr. S. Harding. Both these were published by Mr. Richardson, print-seller, in the Strand."

P. 445, l. 5, r. "his grandfather, Richard Malone."

Ibid. l. 14. Of Mr. Edmond Malone's grandfather and father, Anthony, read thus: "The professional fame of Richard Malone has only been eclipsed by that of his eldest son, the still more celebrated *Anthony Malone*. As a lawyer, in oratory, and an able and upright statesman, he was confessedly one of the most illustrious men of which his country can boast. If any testimony to his merits were required, it will be found in the following passage from the pen of Mr. Grattan: 'Mr. Malone was a man of the finest intellect that any country ever produced. The three ablest men I have ever heard were Mr. Pitt (the father), Mr. Murray, and Mr. Malone. For a popular assembly I would choose Mr. Pitt; for a privy council, Murray; for twelve wise men, Malone.' This was the opinion Lord Sackville, the Secretary of [17]53, gave of Mr. Malone to a gentleman from whom I heard it. 'He is a great sea in a calm,' said Mr. Gerald Hamilton, another great judge of men and talents. 'Aye,' it was replied, 'but, had you seen him when he was young, you would have said he was a great sea in a storm! and, like the sea, whether in calm or storm, he was a great production of nature.'"

P. 445, l. 3 from bottom, for "now," read "created."

P. 446, l. 16, r. "ever afterwards."

P. 466. The following letter of Mr. Malone was addressed to Mr. John Taylor, editor of "The Sun":—

"MY DEAR SIR,

Foley Place, Oct. 13, 1810.

"The anecdote you mentioned (as derived from Pope) of a man stalking into the chamber at Whitehall on the night when the body of the murdered Charles was laid there, is told also by Spence in his *Anecdotes* from the same authority. But it is good for nothing. The perfidious Cromwell had no such feelings. Read the *Trial of the Regicides*, and you will there find that when he saw Charles landed at Sir Robert Cotton's garden, and he was sure they had *caught* him, he turned as white as a sheet; and just afterwards he and Harry Martin and others entered into

* Notorious Characters.

a consultation to destroy him, and they agreed that the best preparation for that work would be to blacken enough. Mr. Herbert, to whom the care of the body was committed, has left 'Memoirs,' and having minutely noticed every little circumstance, and doubtless sat up with the body, he would hardly have omitted such a circumstance as this.

"I have forgotten what you told me concerning Johnson's prologue to Goldsmith's play. Pray be so good as to send it to me. The 'Life' will very soon be sent to the press.

"Yours, dear Sir, most faithfully, E. MALONE."

P. 513, l. 2. Three interesting Letters from the celebrated Linnæus to Marmaduke Tunstall were communicated to the Gentleman's Magazine for Jan. 1824, by the Rev. Samuel Hopkinson, of Morton. See vol. xciv. i. p. 24.

P. 555. The Rev. John Gutch, M.A. and F.S.A. was for sixty-two years Chaplain of All Souls' College at Oxford; also Rector of St. Clement's near that city, and of Kirkby Underwood in the county of Lincoln. To the former benefice he was presented by the Lord Chancellor Loughborough in 1795; and to the latter by Dr. Thurlow, Bishop of Lincoln, in 1786. He was also many years Chaplain of Corpus Christi College. He took his degree of M.A. June 8, 1771. Mr. Gutch was elected to the office of Registrar of the University, and also Registrar of the Courts, &c. of the Chancellor, in 1797, on the decease of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Foster. The important duties of Registrar he fulfilled until 1824, when, "in consideration of his long and faithful services to the University," an annuity of 200*l.* was granted to him. He retained the office of Actuary or Registrar of the Chancellor's Court to the day of his decease. As senior Chaplain of All Souls, it was his duty to preach before the members on three different festival days in the course of the year, and on Christmas Day 1819 he commenced his sermon by alluding to the fact, that "this is the *fiftieth* anniversary that I have had the honour and happiness of performing my official duty from this place; nay more, to speak the whole truth, as I make my appearance here at three seasons of the year, it is really the *one hundred and forty-eighth* time, without any intermission, by indisposition or otherwise, as far as my recollection will carry me." Shortly after a subscription was set on foot by the then members of the Society and several others who had formerly belonged to it, to purchase and present to him a piece of plate, which was accordingly done in the shape of a superb silver ink-stand, inscribed with the College arms, together with his own.

In 1781 Mr. Gutch published in two vols. 8vo. "Collectanea Curiosa; or Miscellaneous Tracts relating to the History and Antiquities of England and Ireland, the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and a variety of other subjects; chiefly collected from the MSS. of Archbishop Sancroft, given to the Bodleian Library by the late Bishop Tanner;" and in 1786 he published, in 4to. the

first volume of "The History and Antiquities of the Colleges and Halls in the University of Oxford, now first published from the original Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library, written by Anthony Wood, with a continuation to the present time." This voluminous work was commenced at the suggestion of his warm friend Thomas Warton, B.D. Fellow of Trinity College, Poetry Professor, Camden's Reader in Ancient History, &c. &c. and was afterwards followed at intervals by the publication of the "Fasti Oxonienses, or a Commentary on the supreme Magistrates of the University, with a Continuation, and Additions and Corrections to each College and Hall, 1790." And also in 1792, 1794, and 1796, by "The Antiquities and Annals of the University," in 3 vols. From Mr. Gutch's long residence in the University he became known to most gentlemen engaged in antiquarian and topographical pursuits; and, from the opportunities he enjoyed in the prosecution of his own studies in these branches of knowledge, he possessed peculiar advantages in facilitating similar inquiries and the researches of his friends, to whom he was ever as ready to lend his personal services as he was to extract and transcribe for them whatever they required from those vast stores of historical information, the libraries and archives of this celebrated University. At the period of his decease he was the oldest resident member of the University, and, till within a very few days of the close of a life of peculiar serenity and content, he enjoyed his usual good health and spirits. He died at Oxford, July 1, 1831, aged 86. (Abridged from a memoir in the Gentleman's Magazine for Sept. 1831, which is accompanied by Mr. Gutch's portrait, drawn and engraved by T. Wageman.) See Lit. Anecd. Index, VII. 165; and Lit. Illustr. Index, VIII. 41.

P. 558. The following Letter from Mr. Nichols to the Rev. John Price was written on occasion of the proposed transmission of Mr. Gough's valuable legacy of his topographical library to the Bodleian:—

"DEAR SIR,

May 8, 1809.

"I am much gratified by the Vice-Chancellor's favourable acceptance of my proffered services in the transmission of Mr. Gough's very valuable bequest to the Bodleian Library, and shall begin this day to prepare some of the more material articles for packing. Among the earliest I shall send the large portfolios of English Antiquities and the Sepulchral Monuments—a collection of never-fading value to the antiquary. In less than a fortnight I hope you will have many of the volumes safe in the Antiquaries' Closet. Some of them will need much arranging, being crammed with loose leaves and prints—and others the assistance of the binder. You are not to expect many large-paper copies, or splendid outsides, but you will find much that is valuable within. In a few days you shall hear that a parcel of cases is consigned to Mr. Medwin, to whose warehouse in town they will from time to time be brought by an especial carrier from Enfield. The topographical books are divided into classes accord-

ing to their several counties; and of these there is an exact Catalogue printed; but, unluckily, the impression (with the exception of a single copy) was consumed by fire.*

"I beg that you will have the goodness to present my best respects to the Vice-Chancellor,† with many thanks for his obliging letter, and that you will consider me as

"Your faithful, humble Servant, J. NICHOLS."

"To Rev. John Price, Bodleian."

P. 560. William Bray, Esq. joint author with Rev. Owen Manning‡ of the "History of Surrey," in three volumes folio, and Treasurer of the Society of Antiquaries, died at his residence at Shere, near Guildford, on the 21st Dec. 1832, in his 97th year. He was baptized at the same place on the 7th Nov. 1736. He was descended from a younger branch of Bray, barons of the realm; was educated at Rugby, and placed with an eminent attorney at Guildford, but soon removed to London to a situation in the Board of Green Cloth, which he continued to hold for nearly fifty years, when he was permitted to retire on a superannuated allowance. He was elected Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1771, and Treasurer in 1803, and was a frequent contributor to the *Archæologia*. His first work was "Sketch of a Tour into Derbyshire and Yorkshire, including part of Buckingham, Warwick, Leicester, Nottingham, Northampton, Bedford, and Hertford shires, in 1783," 8vo., which is illustrated from some of the early drawings of John Carter, afterwards draughtsman to the Society of Antiquaries. In 1800 Mr. Bray compiled "Collections relating to Henry Smith, Esq. sometime Alderman of London, the estates by him given to Charitable Uses, and the Trustees appointed by him," printed in 8vo.; on which subject there is a later work by Mr. Charles Perkins Gwilt, B.A. 1836. Mr. Manning, who had commenced the History of Surrey, died in 1801, before he quite finished the first volume. Mr. Bray undertook to complete the work, for which purpose he visited every parish and church in the county. The first volume was published in 1804, the second in 1809, and the third and last in 1814, when he was in his 78th year. Mr. Bray was the first to present to the world some of the Loseley MSS., and those of the Evelyn family at Wotton; and it was in consequence of his introducing to the latter Mr. Upcott of the London Institution that the Diary of the author of *Sylva* was given to the public. See further of Mr. Bray in the Gentleman's Magazine for Jan. 1833, p. 87.

Mr. Bray had held the office of Treasurer of the Society of Antiquaries for twenty years, when he resigned in 1823, and THOMAS AMYOT, esq. was elected in his room. It would be

* A Catalogue of Mr. Gough's Collections was afterwards printed by the University in 4to. 1814: see Gentleman's Magazine, vol. lxxxiv. i. 479.

† Dr. Parsons.

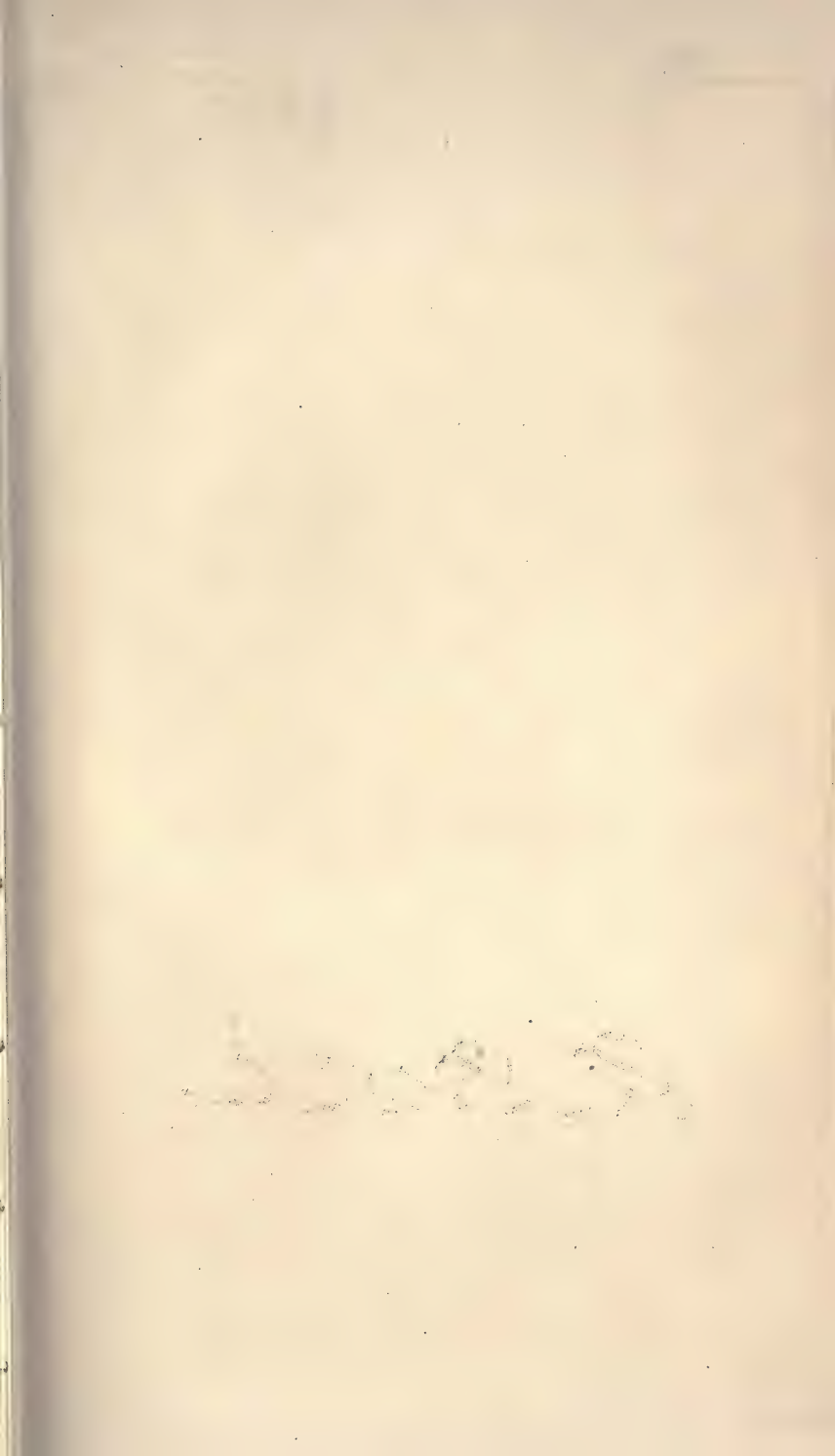
‡ Of the Rev. Owen Manning, see Lit. Anecd. Index, VII. 248, 623. Lit. Illust. Index, VIII. 70.

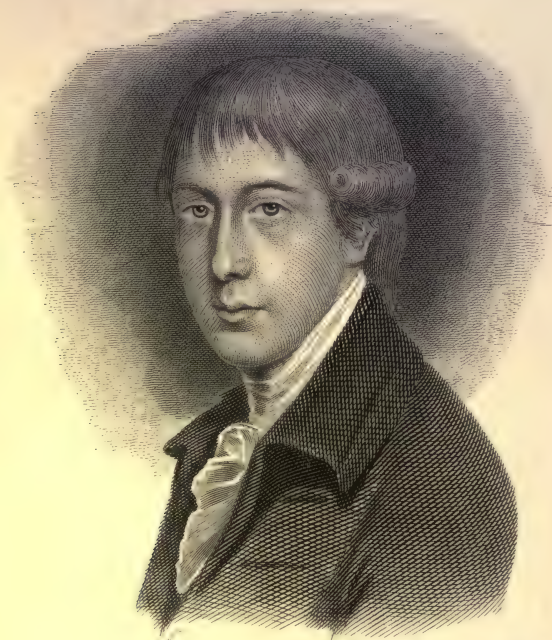
unpardonable to omit the name of this gentleman, who was universally beloved by his numerous friends. He died Sept. 28, 1850, and ample justice was done to his memory by his old friends Mr. Henry Crabb Robinson and Mr. John Bruce, (the latter of whom was the next Treasurer of the Society,) in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for Jan. 1851, accompanied by a portrait of Mr. Amyot, a very excellent likeness.

P. 568. The Rev. Richard Polwhele, of Polwhele, near Truro, was born Jan. 6, 1760, the son of Thomas Polwhele, Esq. by Mary Thomas. He was educated at Truro School under Dr. Cardew, and at Christ Church, Oxford. In 1782 he was ordained Deacon, and was appointed Curate of Lamorran. Shortly afterwards he married Miss Warren, and became Curate of Kenton, where he resided ten years, and produced many of his works, both in verse and prose. "The English Orator," his Translations from the *Idyllia* of Theocritus, Bion, and Moschus, and the *Elegies* of Tyrtæus, were deservedly commended. His "History of Devonshire" was begun at Kenton, and the second volume was the first published, 1793. The first volume of the work appeared in 1797; and the whole was ultimately completed in three thin folio volumes, but not much to his own satisfaction or that of his subscribers. His work cannot be considered so much as a regular history of the county as a poetical description of scenery, biographical notices, and articles more to the taste of men of genius than the antiquary. In 1793 he lost his first wife. In the following year he was married to his second wife a daughter of Captain Tyrrell, and removed to Exmouth. He was then presented by Bishop Buller to the vicarage of Manaccan, Cornwall, where he spent some of his happiest days, and there he published "The Influence of Local Attachment, and other poems." In 1797, "The Old English Gentleman, a Poem;" in 1798, "The Unsex'd Females;" in 1799, "Grecian Prospects, a poem." Whilst at Manaccan he also published various volumes of "Sermons," and other religious works. In 1806 he removed to Kenwyn, near Truro, on account of the education of his sons; and whilst at Kenwyn his ardour for publication was unabated. Volumes of Poems too numerous to mention were produced. Amongst others, were the "Family Pictures," 1808; "The Minstrel;" "The Deserted Village School," 1812; "Fair Isabel," 1815; and "Specimens of the Picturesque," 1819. Between 1810 and 1821 Mr. Polwhele published no less than ten different works on Theology, or subjects connected therewith.

Mr. Polwhele's "History of Cornwall" consists of seven thin volumes, 4to. 1803. Vols. I. II. and III. contain the General History. Vol. IV. the Civil and Military History. Vol. V. the Language, Literature, and Literary Character of Cornwall, with Illustrations from Devonshire. This volume contains also much biographical information. Vol. VI. contains a Cornish-English Vocabulary, &c. Vol. VII. much statistical information.

In 1821 Bishop Carey presented Mr. Polwhele to the vicarage of Newlyn, Cornwall, where he resided till 1828. In 1823





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Born 1760. Living 1826.

Published by J. Nichols & Son, Jan. 2. 1826.

he was appointed an honorary associate of the Royal Society of Literature. In 1826 he published "Traditions and Recollections, domestic, clerical, and literary," 2 vols. 8vo., in which is much literary correspondence with eminent men of his time. In 1828 he removed to his paternal seat at Polwhele. In 1831 appeared "Biographical Sketches in Cornwall," 3 vols. small 8vo.; containing anecdotes and correspondence of many eminent men. Vol. III. is wholly occupied by memoirs and correspondence of the Rev. John Whitaker. In 1832 he published "Letters of Sir Walter Scott, addressed to the Rev. R. Polwhele, Davies Gilbert, Mr. Douce, and others, with a memoir of Sir Hussey Vivian, Bart." In 1836 appeared his "Reminiscences in Prose and Verse," partly supplementary to his "Traditions and Recollections," and some of his early poems.

The foregoing are the titles of Mr. Polwhele's principal publications; they will be found enumerated at length in a memoir of him in the Gentleman's Magazine for May 1838, pp. 545-548. But his acknowledged works were a part only of his writings. He was a frequent correspondent to the Gentleman's Magazine and other periodicals; also a reviewer in the British Critic, the Anti-Jacobin, &c.; and a voluminous correspondent with most of the literati of the day.

Mr. Polwhele is well spoken of by his brother historians of Cornwall, the Rev. Mr. Drewe and Davies Gilbert, Esq.; the latter of whom says: "Mr. Polwhele, the author of a History of Cornwall, is so distinguished by his works in every department of literature; by his early poetical effusions; by those of his maturer age; by sermons equally sound in learning and in diction, and persuasive by their eloquence; that no Cornishman of the present day can presume to place himself, I will not say in competition, but in the same class of excellence, with Mr. Polwhele."

He was a magistrate for Devon and Cornwall, and in his duties correct and exemplary. In all his domestic relations he was highly estimable. After a long illness Mr. Polwhele died at Truro, full of hope in Him whose minister he was, March 12, 1838, in his 78th year. See Literary Anecdotes, Index, VII. 320, 653. Literary Illustrations, Index, VIII. 87.

P. 570, note, l. 1, r. "portion."

P. 637, l. 4, and l. 6 from bottom, for "J. B." r. "W. Bunce."

P. 642, l. 8 from bottom, after "Free Schools," add "Shrewsbury."

P. 671, note, l. 3, read "by a correspondent who signs Secutor, in vol. lviii." (not lvii.)

P. 682, l. 24, for "Protestant," r. "Protesting."

P. 685, l. 4, for "LIX." r. "LXIX."; l. 10, after "Correspondent," add "John Carter."

P. 730, note, l. 2. The Rev. Weeden Butler, junior, died June 28, 1831, aged 58. He was Rector of Great Woolston, Bucks, and minister of Brompton Chapel, Middlesex. He was educated by his father until 1790, when he entered with his

brother George at Sidney-Sussex college, Cambridge; he there obtained a scholarship and exhibition, and graduated B.A. 1794, M.A. 1797. He was appointed Afternoon Lecturer of Charlotte-street Chapel, on the recommendation of his predecessor the Rev. Dr. Wilgress, and Evening Lecturer of Brompton, in 1811; and was presented to the rectory of Great Woolston in 1816, by John Camden Neild, esq. Having for nineteen years acted as classical assistant in his father's school at Chelsea, he succeeded to the superintendence on his father's retirement in 1814. He was the author of "Bagatelles, consisting of original Poetry and Translations," 1795, 8vo.; and also translated "Prospect of the political relations which subsist between the French Republic and the Helvetic body, from the French of Weiss," 1794, 8vo.; "The Wrongs of Unterwalden," 1799; "Zimao, the African," 1800, and 1807. He was a frequent correspondent of the Gentleman's Magazine, particularly on old books and matters of bibliomania, and he made considerable contributions from his father's papers to the fifth volume of Literary Illustrations.

P. 730, note, l. 3. Dr. George Butler, Dean of Peterborough, died April 30, 1853. He was the younger son of the Rev. Weeden Butler, Sen.; was born in Pimlico, July 5, 1774, and educated under his father's care until 1790, when he was admitted a scholar on the foundation of Sidney-Sussex College, Cambridge, where his tutor was the Rev. Christopher Smart, B.D. nephew to the poet Smart, and the editor of his works. Whilst at college, Mr. Butler obtained, repeatedly, exhibitions and prizes, both classical and mathematical. In Jan. 1794, being then only nineteen years old, he was Senior Wrangler and Senior Smith's Prizeman of his year, Lord Lyndhurst (then Mr. Copley, of Trinity College) being in each case second to him. Being thereupon chosen Mathematical Lecturer of his college, he soon after became a Fellow. In the following year he travelled (principally on foot) through a great part of Germany, where he became acquainted with Klopstock, Schiller, Göthe, and other eminent literary men. On his return to Cambridge he commenced the study of the law, keeping his terms at Lincoln's-inn, and was on the point of being called to the bar, when he was appointed to the mathematical lectureship of his college—a circumstance which eventually altered the whole direction of his life. In 1797 he took the degree of M.A. and soon after he was appointed Classical Tutor of his college. In 1802 he again went abroad, as tutor to Mr. Blachford, of Osborne House, Isle of Wight; travelling, on this occasion, through France, Italy, and Sicily. In 1804 he took the degree of B.D. and was elected a Public Examiner at Cambridge; and in 1805 he was nominated one of the eight Select Preachers before the University.

In April, 1805, he was elected Head-master of Harrow School (vacated by the resignation of Dr. Drury), after exhibiting to the governors of the school and to the Archbishop of Canterbury such honourable testimonials of character from the chief dignitaries and schoolmen of Cambridge as perhaps were never be-

fore bestowed on any member of that body. On the 27th of the same month he received the degree of D.D. by royal mandate. In 1814 he was presented by his college to the rectory of Gayton, in Northamptonshire: where he succeeded his former tutor, Mr. Hunter. He continued in his arduous office at Harrow until 1829, when, after a head-mastership of four-and-twenty years, he retired to the living of Gayton, and devoted himself with the same unwearied energy to the duties of a parish priest. He effected the restoration of his church, was active in preaching and parochial visiting, and filled an important position in the diocese generally, as chairman of meetings of the clergy, and the promoter of every useful and benevolent work.

In 1836 he became Chancellor of the diocese, and in 1842 he was appointed by Sir Robert Peel to the deanery of Peterborough. In the latter office he continued till his death, discharging its duties to their fullest extent, and preaching constantly in the cathedral, until his health failed him.

Few men could compete with Dr. Butler in versatility of mind and in the variety of his accomplishments. Besides his great mathematical attainments, he was also a distinguished classical scholar, and spoke German, French, and Italian with correctness and fluency. He was practically versed in chymistry and other branches of physical science. He was a good musician and draughtsman; and he excelled in all athletic exercises, being one of the best skaters, fencers, swimmers, &c. of his time. A remarkable example of his bodily activity, as well as of the kindness of his heart, was given in very advanced life, when, in the month of Jan. 1843, with snow on the ground, he plunged into a canal (by the side of which he was accidentally riding) to rescue a woman from drowning—an exploit for which he received a medal from the Royal Humane Society.

His affection for Harrow School,* in the service of which so many of the most active years of his life had been passed, amounted to a passion. He maintained with his successors (three of whom he lived to see) a constant and most friendly intercourse; and one of his latest and fondest labours was the preparation (with no little pains and skill) of a selection of lists of the school from 1770 to 1826, appending to them his own annotations upon the later fortunes of those whose school-life is there recorded. He had the happiness of living to witness the distinguished honours of his four sons at the University; and the last weeks of his life were marked by the unexampled occurrence of the election of his two younger sons to University scholarships, almost simultaneously, the one at Oxford and the other at Cambridge.

His latter years, though necessarily less active, were no less happy than the earlier. It was in 1849 that his fatal disease (of the heart) first declared itself. A gradual failure of eyesight

* The substance of the present article, which originally appeared in *The Times*, proceeded from the pen of Dr. Vaughan, the present Master of Harrow.

ended in almost total blindness. But his patience, cheerfulness, and thankfulness never failed. His death was quite sudden. He was seated at table with his family, and, after ten minutes of insensibility, passed away almost without a struggle.

On his leaving Harrow, a sum of nearly 500*l.* was subscribed, to present him with a piece of plate, and since his death a monument has been erected by subscription to his memory in Harrow church, near those of his predecessors, Dr. Sumner and Dr. Drury.

P. 730, "Dr. Hoadly-Ashe." He died May 3, 1826, aged 75. See *Gent. Mag.* vol. xcvi. ii. 181; *Lit. Anecd. Index*, VII. 593; and *Lit. Illustr. Index*, VIII. 54.

P. 734. The following Sonnet by Dr. Hoadly-Ashe, addressed to Mr. Harris, was written in 1777 :—

SONNET

ON THE MARRIAGE OF JAMES HARRIS, ESQ. AMBASSADOR AT RUSSIA,
SENT TO HIS FATHER, AUGUST 3, 1777.

If, mid the shouts of fond domestic joy,
The still small voice of Friendship reach thine ear,
Accept the wishes of a heart sincere,
And let these lines a moment's thought employ.

Yet what new pleasure can the Muse convey
To a breast glowing with parental love?
I see a tear of joy the choice approve
Your Son has made, and crown his nuptial day.

What choice of his could ever give you pain?
For well he knew to choose the better part;—
His youthful hands were form'd to guide the rein
Of empire,* varying with the human heart;
Oh, clad in him long may your soul remain!
And may each future act fresh bliss impart.

R. ASHE.

P. 808, l. 8, for "Levington," r. "Lavington."

Ibid. The Rev. Christopher Hunter was the son of a surgeon, by Margaret daughter of Christopher Smart.

P. 853, note. The Rev. James Tattersall died Sept. 12, 1784, aged 72, and was buried at Chipsted, co. Surrey. See in the *History of that county*, by Manning and Bray, vol. ii. p. 248, his epitaph there, together with others of his family. His first wife, Dorothy, was daughter of the Rev. William De Chair, and sister of the Rev. Dr. John De Chair, Rector of Little Risington, Gloucestershire, and one of his Majesty's Chaplains. His second wife and widow died May 27, 1803, aged 78. His eldest son the Rev. John Tattersall, M.A. was Chaplain to His Majesty, Vicar of Bredhurst, Kent, and of Harewood and Ledesham, Yorkshire. He married Sibylla-Christiana, daughter of Capt. Robert Haswell, R.N., and widow of Granville Wheler, Esq. of Otterden Place, Kent. She died 1837; and he April 9, 1801. His son, the

* The future Earl of Malmesbury was Chargé des Affaires at the Court of Madrid when he was but twenty-five years of age.

Rev. John Cecil Tattersall, B.A., Student of Christ Church, Oxford, died Dec. 8, 1812, aged 24. (See *Gent. Mag.* 1813, i. 83). He was the schoolfellow of Lord Byron, at Harrow, and probably saved the Poet's life. See *Moore's Life of Lord Byron*, i. 43, and the anecdote narrated with Byron's Lines on Tattersall, *Gent. Mag.* 1832, i. 478. Mr. Granville Wheler's only son, Granville Hastings Wheler, Esq. F.S.A., of Otterden Place and Ledstone Hall, married Jane, youngest daughter of the Rev. William De Chair Tattersall, and by her (who died in March, 1842) he had one son Granville-Charles, who died in 1818, in his eighth year. Mr. Granville Hastings Wheler died Feb. 3, 1827, aged 46; see an account of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1828, i. 180. See also a view and account of Otterden Place, Kent, with a pedigree and account of the Wheler family, by the Rev. Thomas Rackett, in *Gent. Mag.* 1832, pp. 393—399; and a view and account of Otterden Church, with the epitaphs of the Wheler family, in pp. 497—499. The second son of the Rev. James Tattersall, the Rev. William De Chair Tattersall, F.S.A. was educated at Westminster school, where he was admitted King's scholar in 1765, and elected to Christ Church, Oxford, in 1770, at the head of his election; previous to which he was distinguished for his performance of the character of Phormio, and received the commendation of Garrick. He took the degree of M.A. in 1777. He was presented to the rectory of Westbourne in Sussex in 1778 by his father, who acquired the right by purchase from the executors of the late Earl of Halifax, and to that of Wotton-under-Edge in 1779 by his College. Both these livings he held until his death. Mr. Tattersall exerted a laudable zeal in the improvement of Psalmody and Church music. He published in 1791, *A Version or Paraphrase of the Psalms*, originally written by James Merrick, M.A. which he divided into stanzas, and adapted to the purposes of public use or of private devotion, 4to. and likewise an edition in 8vo.; the preface of which displays considerable learning and ability. (These works are in Watt's *Bibliotheca* erroneously assigned to William Tattersall, M.D. of Liverpool.) He was encouraged to persevere in his design by very flattering encomiums of the greater part of the right reverend Prelates who were then living, particularly of his diocesans, Dr. Halifax and Dr. Beadon, successively Bishops of Gloucester; and of Dr. Horne, Bishop of Norwich, who observed to him, in a letter, that he accounted the division of Merrick's Psalms into stanzas a great advantage, as it fitted them at once for regular music. With an enthusiastic ardour in the prosecution of this his favourite pursuit, he adapted several of the most approved old tunes to Merrick's version; and he likewise prevailed upon the most eminent composers of his time, viz. his intimate friend Sir William Parsons, Dr. Cooke, Dr. Hayes, Dr. Dupuis, Dr. Arnold, Dr. Haydn, Dr. Calcott, Mr. T. Stafford Smith, the Rev. Osborne Wight, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Shield, Mr. Webbe, Mr. Worgan,

Mr. R. Cooke, Mr. Broderip, &c. to furnish new compositions for a considerable number of the Psalms. His grateful sense of their services was evinced by the donation of a handsome piece of plate to each of them. In 1795 he published, "Improved Psalmody," in three parts, 8vo. the music printed with types; and subsequently two volumes of Psalms, with new music, engraved; but he found himself so considerably a loser by this undertaking that he was deterred from completing it.

As Rector of Westbourne, to which preferment no ecclesiastical duties are attached, Mr. Tattersall became patron of the Vicarage, and on a vacancy in 1805 he presented to that benefice his friend and schoolfellow the Rev. Peter Monamy Cornwall, who was his Curate at Wotton-under-Edge; on whose demise in the year 1828 he presented his own nephew, the Rev. John Baker, Vicar of Thorp Arch, in Yorkshire.

Mr. Tattersall married Mary, eldest daughter of George Ward, of Wandsworth, Esq. (who died at Ealing, Nov. 2, 1852, aged 93), by whom he had, 1. Dr. James Tattersall; * 2. George Tattersall; † 3. John Tattersall, of Ealing; 4. Mary-Anne; and 5. Jane, wife of Granville Hastings Wheler, Esq. of Otterden Place, in Kent. Mr. Tattersall died at Westbourne, March 26, 1829, aged 77. His was a most hospitable disposition, and his friendly, social, and agreeable qualities were highly appreciated.

P. 853, l. 11 from foot. Rev. Thomas Rackett died Nov. 29, 1840, aged nearly 85. He had for sixty years held the living of Spettisbury, co. Dorset, with the chapelry of Charlton Marshal, to which he was presented by his father Thomas Rackett, esq. in 1780. From the first development of his intellectual powers, almost every branch of science had successively engaged his attention, of which the arts likewise had their share. In one useful quality, which he retained until within a very few days of his death, he was pupil to Garrick, to whom he was introduced at the age of fourteen, and who was so much delighted with his recitation of the Ode he had recently composed for the Shakspeare Jubilee, that he presented him with a gilt copy of it. In the diary written in his pocket-book for 1770 this circumstance is thus mentioned: "Jan. 22. Mr. Garrick sent me the Ode bound in gold, &c. with *From the Author to Master Rackett.*" In the following year he was presented with Shakespeare's Plays in folio, of the first edition,

* James Tattersall, King's scholar at Westminster 1794, elected to Christ church, Oxford 1798, M.A. 1805, and in that year faculty student of Christ church, M.B. 1806, M.D. 1811; practised in London, was a Fellow of the College of Physicians, and at one time one of the physicians of the Surrey Dispensary. He retired first to Uxbridge and afterwards to Ealing. He died at the rectory-house of his nephew the Rev. William Tattersall, at Howe, near Norwich, May 8, 1855.

† George Tattersall, elected from Westminster school to Cambridge in 1799, was an officer in his Majesty's service, and for a time was with his regiment, the 65th Foot, in India. He afterwards entered into holy orders, and died curate of Westbourne in 1823.

with a finely engraved head of the donor by a French artist, under which are the following words: "May 31, 1771. This edition of Shakespear is presented to my young friend Master Rackett, from which, whatever be his profession, he will always reap both pleasure and profit.—D. GARRICK." During his latter days this book was a constant source of gratification to him. His diary or memorandum book of 1770, mentions as a frequent guest at his father's house Mr. Theophilus Forrest, whose version of the *Clover and the Acorn*, beginning "A self-conceited country bumpkin," he repeated a few days before his death, with the same strength of voice, as well as judicious and distinct pronunciation, which distinguished his exhortations from the pulpit. From Mr. Forrest he likewise imbibed the taste for drawing, which was a great source of pleasure to him even in the last years of his life. In drawing landscapes from nature he received instruction from Paul Sandby, who would not let him sacrifice truth to effect. Another name mentioned in his diary of 1770, that of Charles Hatchett, became endeared to him by the strongest sympathy in taste and love of science, which cemented a friendship that met with no interruption while he lived to enjoy it.

His first knowledge of the principles of music he received from the family of M. Fountaine, the master of a classical school in the then village of Marylebone, where he formed a lasting intimacy with several young men who were destined to considerable rank and distinction; among them were Lord Seaforth and Henry Bankes of Corfe Castle. His taste for music contributed in a wonderful degree to the cheerfulness of his latter days.

In antiquarian research he was the coadjutor of Gough, King, Sir R. C. Hoare, and of his surviving friend the venerable Canon Bowles. Scarcely any spot in or near the county in which he resided was left unexplored by him, and the labours of his pen and pencil were liberally contributed to the second edition of Hutchins's *History of Dorset*, and to the pages of *Sylvanus Urban*.

To the study of natural history the attention of Mr. Rackett was first directed by the celebrated John Hunter, and during the first twenty years of his residence in Dorsetshire he had the advantage of possessing as a neighbour and intimate friend Dr. Pulteney of Blandford, the biographer of Linnæus. In 1794 and 1796 he accompanied his friends Charles Hatchett and Dr. Maton in a Tour through the Western Counties, of which a narrative was printed by the latter in 1797, who, to render his geological description more intelligible, added to them a geological map, which was the first attempt of that kind. During this tour the skill and industry of Mr. Rackett were exercised in collecting mineral specimens; from the latter he supplied the correct illustrations which he contributed to the *Observations* published by Dr. Maton. Of conchology he endeavoured to make himself acquainted with the humblest and minutest varieties, and his

assistance to Dr. Maton in drawing up the catalogue of British Testacea inserted in the Linnæan Transactions was almost the only circumstance which made him in any way known to the world as a cultivator of science. When resident in London, Mr. Rackett was a constant attendant at the lectures in the Royal Institution and at the meetings of the Linnæan, Antiquarian, and Royal Societies, of all of which he was an old member. He married in the year 1781 Dorothea, daughter of the Rev. James Tattersall, Rector of Streatham, and of St. Paul's Covent Garden (before mentioned), and by that lady, with whom his union lasted upwards of fifty years, he had several children, of whom the only survivor was Dorothea, married in 1821 to Samuel Solly, Esq.* (See a fuller memoir of Mr. Rackett in the Gentleman's Magazine for April, 1841.)

VOLUME VI.

* * *For several Additions and Corrections in this Volume, see the end of it, pp. 892 to 896.*

P. 1, l. 8 from bottom, Mr. Gifford was born in April, 1757 : l. 13, for "inferior," r. "humble."

P. 5, l. 10. Two versions of the rencontre between Peter Pindar and Mr. Gifford appeared. One in favour of Peter Pindar, in a letter to the Morning Chronicle; the other in the True Briton, in a letter from Mr. J. Wright, the bookseller. They are both copied into the European Magazine for Aug. 1800, p. 85.

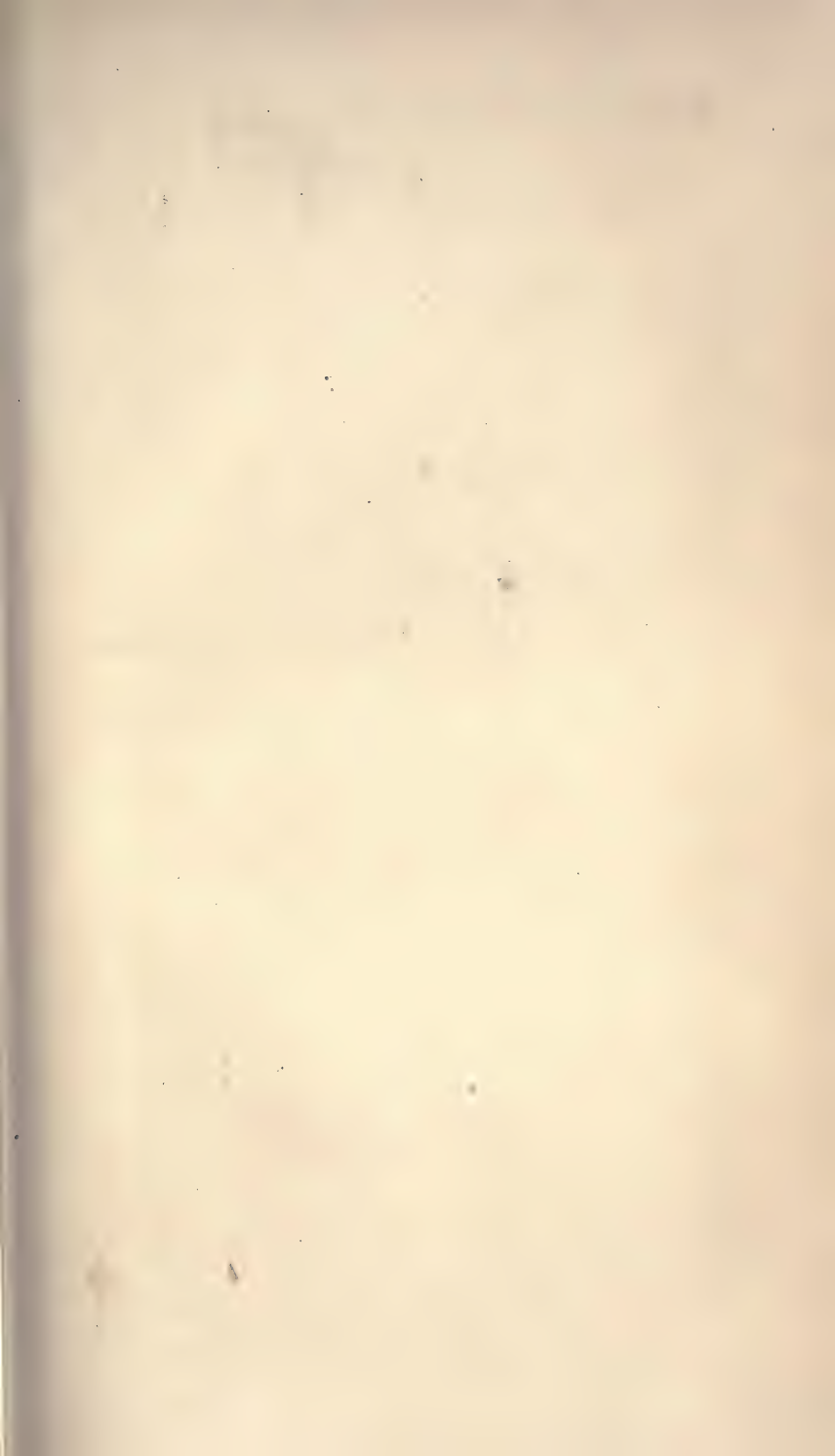
P. 40. For additions on Mr. Hellins, see vol. VI. p. xvi.

P. 45. For additions on Mr. Hitchins, see vol. VI. p. xvi.

P. 47. Some additional particulars of Mr. Cunningham's eventful history are to be found in Rhodes' "Peak Scenery," 1824, 8vo. accompanied by critical notices on several of his poetical pieces. There is a solitary and not a favourable mention of him in Anna Seward's "Letters," vol. i. at p. 282. He left Eyam April 2, 1791, having been appointed Chaplain to the English Factory at Smyrna the 11th Jan. preceding.

Mr. Cunningham published, 1. "A Paraphrase of the 38th Chapter of Job;" Chesterfield, 1778, 4to. Anonymous.—2. "The Naval Triumph" (on Rodney's Victory); London, 1783, 4to. anonymous, except that the author appears to have signed his name to the dedication (at least he has done so in one copy).—

* Samuel Solly, Esq. F.R.S. and F.S.A. formerly of Merton Woodland, Lincolnshire, but latterly of Heathside, Parkstone, near Poole, died in Upper Gower Street, May 9, 1847, aged 66. He was an occasional writer in the Gentleman's Magazine, particularly on subjects relating to Currency, under the signature of YLLOSS. He left one daughter.





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3. "Chatsworth, or the Genius of England's Prophecy;" Chesterfield, 1783, 4to. Anonymous.—4. "The Russian Prophecy; occasioned by a remarkable Phenomenon in the Heavens, observed in Russia, 19 Feb. 1785;" Sheffield, 1787, 4to. Anonymous.—(5. A Poem to the memory of R. R. Esq. mentioned in the "Peak Scenery.")—6. "An Ode on the Revolution, 1688;" set to music and sung at the Centenary Celebration at Whittington, in 1788, printed in the "Peak Scenery."—7. "A Sermon, preached at Sheffield, for the benefit of the Charity School there;" Sheffield, 1784, 8vo.—8. "A Sermon, preached at Eyam on the Thanksgiving for his Majesty's Recovery" (at the end of which are two Odes on his Majesty's Restoration); Sheffield, 1789, 4to.—Gent. Mag. June 1831.

P. 47, note †, after (p. 52) add, "and in 1787."

P. 48, l. 7, dele "there."

P. 68. Mr. William Newton died Nov. 3, 1830, in his 80th year, having been born near to Abney, 28 Nov. 1750. A tribute to his memory, by Mrs. Mary Sterndale, of Sheffield, appeared in the "Iris," a newspaper of that town, on the 9th Nov. following. Many of his compositions were originally published in the Iris. Mrs. Sterndale has herself published as follows: "The Panorama of Youth;" "The Life of a Boy;" and "Vignettes of Derbyshire," 8vo. 1824, all works of very considerable merit. In the last are a few anecdotes of Cunningham and Newton.—Gent. Mag. June 1831.

P. 67, l. 12, for "noble," r. "titled." L. 16, for "married into the Rivers family," r. "formed an advantageous alliance with the heiress of Savage, Earl Rivers."

P. 77, l. *penult.* r. "school-boys."

P. 141, l. 5. The Rev. W. Easton (of whom see Gent. Mag. for 1832, part I.) was son of the Rev. Richard Easton.

P. 152, l. 2, r. "Macaulay."

Ibid. l. 6 from bottom; and in p. 153, l. 18, from bottom, after "friend," add "Mr. Lettice."

P. 250. Davies Gilbert, esq. Vice-President of the Royal Society, and President from 1828 to 1831, President of the Geological Society of Cornwall, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and of the Linnæan and Geological Societies, an Hon. Member of the Royal Society of Literature, an Hon. D.C.L. of Oxford, and for many years M.P. for Bodmin, died on the 24th Dec. 1840, in his 79d year; and an ample memoir of him appeared in the Gentleman's Magazine for February 1841.

P. 259, l. 13, for "He," r. "Dr. Andrewes."

P. 262. Joseph Cradock, esq. M.A., F.S.A. was born at Leicester, Jan. 9, 1741–2, the son of Joseph Cradock, esq. by Mary Annice his wife. He received his early education in the free-school of his native town, under the Rev. Gerrard Andrewes, father to the future Dean of Canterbury, who was his schoolfellow; assisted with instruction from the Rev. J. Jackson, author of "Chronological Antiquities." He was prepared for the university by the Rev.

Mr. Pickering, of Markworth, co. Derby. He was entered a member of Emanuel College, Cambridge, but the bent of his mind led him to classical studies, and not to mathematics, and he left college without a degree. However, in 1765, a royal degree of M.A. was conferred upon him by the hands of the Duke of Grafton, as Chancellor of Cambridge. He always retained an affection for Emanuel College, as well as for the master, Dr. Farmer, who had been his schoolfellow, and for his tutor Mr. Hubbard; and he left a memorial to the college in his will.

In 1765 he married a very amiable lady, Anne-Frances, third daughter of Francis Stratford, esq. of Merevale Hall, co. Warwick. She died Dec. 25, 1816. They had no issue.

In 1766 Mr. Cradock served the office of High Sheriff for Leicestershire, and in the same year Dr. Farmer addressed to him his important Essay on the Learning of Shakspeare. In 1768 he was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, of which he lived to be the senior member.

Mr. Cradock now fixed himself in what was then a fashionable part of London, Dean-street, Soho, and spent much of his time in theatrical and musical company. He was intimate with Garrick, Foote, Dr. Arne, Dr. Boyce, Joah Bates, Mrs. Yates, &c. At the same time he was admitted to the intimacy of such a constellation of literary genius as will not soon again shine together—the Duke of Grafton, Lord Thurlow and his brother the Bishop, Lord Sandwich, Bishops Hinchliffe, Hurd, Percy, the great and good Dr. Johnson, Burke, the amiable Dr. Goldsmith, Dr. Askew, Dr. Parr, George Steevens, Cumberland, Murphy, &c.

In 1769 he assisted his friend Mr. Garrick in the arrangements for the celebrated Stratford Jubilee.

In 1771, on the opening of the Leicester Infirmary, Mr. Cradock wrote an Ode, “Here shall soft Charity repair,” which was set to music by Dr. Boyce, and was well received. It is still performed on charitable occasions.

In 1773 was brought forward at Covent Garden, “Zobeide, a Tragedy,” by Mr. Cradock; taken from an unfinished tragedy, “Les Scythes,” by Voltaire; who, on receiving a copy, returned a gratifying letter in English, beginning with—

Thanks to your Muse, a foreign copper shines,
Turn'd into gold, and coin'd in sterling lines.

This play was well received. Goldsmith wrote the Prologue, and Murphy the Epilogue. Cradock returned the compliment by writing the Epilogue to Goldsmith's comedy, “She Stoops to Conquer.”

In 1773 Mr. Cradock printed a *jeu d'esprit*, in a “Life of John Wilkes, after the manner of Plutarch.”

In 1774 he printed a little work, “Village Memoirs, in a Series of Letters between a Clergyman and his Family in the Country and his Son in Town;” and in 1777, “An Account of Part of North Wales.”

In 1783 Mr. and Mrs. Cradock set out for a long tour on the Continent, first stopping at Paris, where they were favourably received at the Court of Louis XVI. They afterwards went to the South of France, Flanders, and Holland. The narrative of this Tour forms the second volume of Mr. Cradock's "Memoirs."

Mr. and Mrs. Cradock returned to England in 1786, when he settled at his seat at Gumley, where from much ill health he retired in a great measure from society, and spent his time in a well-stored library and in embellishing his grounds, and latterly in the enlargement of a piece of water which he termed his Lake.

In 1815 he again appeared as an author, publishing "Four Dissertations, Moral and Religious." (See *Gent. Mag.* 1816, i. 43); and in 1821 "Fidelia," a little novel to expose the vice of gaming.

In 1823, finding his affairs embarrassed, he passed his estate at Gumley into the hands of Sir Edward Cradock Hartopp, Bart. who was his heir, and retired to London on a moderate annuity. He chose a residence in town to be near his friend and printer Mr. Nichols; and then applied seriously to the finishing of the *Memoirs of his Life*.

The first publication on his coming to town was a tragedy he had written half a century before, entitled, "The Czar."

In 1826 he published the first volume of his "Literary and Miscellaneous Memoirs," dedicated by permission to King George IV.; and a second volume, containing his Tour, at the latter part of the same year, a short time before his death.

And here it may be allowed to allude to the sincere attachment between Mr. Cradock and Mr. Nichols: the constant intercourse which took place between them contributed to cheer the latter days of these two literary veterans. Mr. Nichols was the first to depart, dying on the 26th of November, 1826; and Mr. Cradock followed within three weeks, on the 15th of December, and was buried on the 23d at St. Mary-le-Strand. His remains were attended by several of his friends, the service being performed by the Rev. G. T. Andrewes, son of his old friend the Dean of Canterbury.

After Mr. Cradock's decease two more volumes of his "Memoirs" were published in 1828 by his executor, Mr. J. B. Nichols, from his papers and correspondence. This work is accompanied by two portraits, the one in early life, from a miniature by Hone, taken in 1764; and the other in advanced years, a silhouette, by Miers and Field.

The preceding notices of Mr. Cradock shall be concluded by an extract from a letter received by Mr. J. B. Nichols from the late Francis Stratford,* esq. Master in Chancery, which exhibits Mr. Cradock in a favourable yet strictly just light.

"I do not think I should in any manner so well describe Mr.

* Mr. Stratford, the senior Master in Chancery, died Dec. 1, 1841. See memoir in *Gent. Mag.* 1842, i. 219.

Cradock's character, as by referring to the 'Memoirs' which he has published of himself. These Memoirs, in my view of them, are an exact counterpart of his manners and conversations,—of his excellences and his foibles. He was *all* anecdote, without affecting to know more, either of men or books, than the common run of people, though better acquainted with both than the generality of the best informed. In the earlier part of his life he recommended himself by his pleasantry and talents,—his love of letters,—his antiquarian researches,—his taste for music, painting, and poetry, and all the fine arts,—to several of the most learned and accomplished scholars of the day,—as Bishops Warburton and Hurd, Doctors Johnson and Goldsmith, and others; among whom must not be forgotten that prodigy of wit and humour and theatrical talents, David Garrick; for he and Garrick were a sort of twin brothers, in personal likeness and mental power. Both of them were rather under size; but they were both well formed, and had so much expression in their countenances, and so much grace in their actions, that nobody in looking at them regarded their size or stature;—in looking at each, it was the quality—not the quantity—of the man that was considered. And upon the stage, Cradock (for he had a private theatre in his house), as I have been informed by those who have seen him act, in some characters at least, was second only to Garrick. There was, however, this difference between them—Garrick played for profit—Cradock played for the amusement of his friends, though to the great detriment of his own fortune. And perhaps his talent in the representing of character upon the stage, first gave him the habit of enlivening and embellishing every thing which he said, with a certain lightning of eye, and honeyed tone of voice, and happy turns of countenance,—which may be better imagined than described; and also furnished him with many allusions which he had the happy art of introducing into his conversations with vast advantage. Mr. Cradock was a classical scholar of a high degree; and he had a very considerable library, containing books of the best sorts, and of the best editions; and some very rare ones. The sale of these, upon which his affections were placed, together with his mansion and estate at Gumley, upon his coming to live in London, was a sacrifice he made (and a sore sacrifice it was) with a view to the final arrangement and liquidation of his worldly affairs before his death, and proved not only his integrity, but that sort of pride which dwells only in honourable minds, and will give a sanctity to his memory. Mr. Cradock was a good neighbour,—a kind friend,—a highly-finished gentleman,—and sufficiently learned to be the fit associate with those who were most learned; and he had this advantage over the most learned, that he was altogether free from pedantry, and all inclination to be overbearing in his conversation with others avowedly less learned than himself. With these good qualities, and his great acquirements, he could not fail of causing the opportunities which he gave his friends of visiting him, to be eagerly seized, and from season to season (for

he gave a sort of annual *dejeuné* at Gumley) anxiously expected. But his death, which is sadly lamented, has closed all!"

P. 287, note ‡, after "letters," add "from which the present series is selected."

P. 293, note, l. ult. add, "see pp. 628, 629."

P. 343, l. 5, for "J. F." r. "J. Ford." The Rev. James Ford, B.D. vicar of Navestock, Essex, died Jan. 31, 1850, aged 50. He married Lætitia, dau. of Edward Jermyn, bookseller, Ipswich. She died July 15, 1848. Both Mr. Ford and his lady were correspondents to the *Gentleman's Magazine*. Mr. Ford contributed several articles to vol. VI. of *Literary Illustrations*: Rev. W. Clubbe and Mr. J. Clubbe, p. 465; Rev. S. Darby, 470; Mr. Beatniffe and Rev. J. Brand and his sister, 528; Mr. Gillingwater, 540; Dr. Bishop, 552; and the Rev. William Layton in this volume, p. 667.

P. 357, l. 17, add, "On perusing the subsequent series of letters the reader will be astonished at the variety, extent, and importance of Mr. Brooke's collections. It appears from them that, besides his best known collections for Yorkshire, he collected materials for new editions of Thoroton's Nottinghamshire, of Sandford's Genealogical History, and of Dugdale's Baronage; and for an original work on Seals; still all great desiderata to the antiquary."

P. 359, l. 28, add, "And is copied in this volume" (See p. 344.)

P. 417, l. 30, add, "A descriptive list of the pictures at Work-sop Manor by Mr. Brooke, 1784, is at the British Museum, in the Musgrave Collection. (Add. MSS. 5726.) And a list of those at Cowdray, with additions by Mr. Brooke, is printed in Dallaway's *Sussex*."

P. 431, l. 11, after "kingdom," add "324 pages."

P. 433, l. 4, for "Sedgwick," r. "Ledwich."

P. 437. Robert Clutterbuck, esq. F.S.A. of Watford, the Historian of Hertfordshire, died on the 25th May 1831, in his 59th year. A memoir of him is to be found in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for June 1831, p. 565.

P. 467, note. Rev. T. Cobbold died Aug. 12, 1831, aged 30.

P. 494, l. 6. The Iron Chain Bridge erected at Dryburgh, by the Earl of Buchan, was, on Feb. 19, 1818, blown down by a tremendous gale. (*Gent. Mag.* 1818, i. 268.)

P. 497, l. 17. See portrait of Earl of Buchan in p. 429 of vol. VI.

P. 561, l. 4 and 18. Of Mr. Apperley, see in vol. VII. p. 286.

P. 580, l. 26, for "March," r. "October."

P. 581, note, l. 8 from bottom, for "Oct. 28," r. "Sept. 28."

P. 583, l. 2. The two poems were, "The Triumph of Commerce," by T. R. Robinson, and a Sonnet to him by Mr. Cunningham. (See *Gent. Mag.* 1803, pp. 454, 455.)

P. 587, l. 11, r. "the Rev. H. E. Boyd."

P. 591, l. 9 from bottom, r. "Darby." (See *Literary Illustrations*, vol. vii. p. 223.)

P. 599. The Rev. Andrew Bell, D.D. and LL.D. senior Prebendary of Westminster, and Master of Sherburn Hospital, Durham, the founder of the Madras system of education, died Jan. 27, 1832, in his 80th year. See memoir in *Gent. Mag.* cii. i. 278.

P. 647, l. 15 from bottom, r. "extra;" l. 14 from bottom, r. "Hinchliffe."

P. 677, l. *ult.* r. "Ieronymus."

P. 684, l. 24. T. Row is the Rector of Whittington, Dr. Pegge; and l. 5 from bottom, add note, "Scotland-yard was the residence of Samuel Pegge, esq. who is meant by 'namesake' (Samuel,) in the next line."

P. 695, note, l. 8, add note on Dr. John Law. "The presentation to the Archdeaconry of Rochester was an option of Archbishop Herring, which he bequeathed to a brother of Paul Jodrell, esq. in return for assistance in replying to Bishop Sherlock's pamphlet, entitled 'The Option,' 1755. Mr. Jodrell disposed of it (in reversion) to Dr. Law." (*Lit. Anec.* iii. 213.)

P. 698. Francis Douce, esq. F.S.A. was descended from a highly-respectable family in Hampshire. His father, Thomas Douce, esq. of the Six Clerks Office, alienated the Hampshire estates, and settled at Town Malling, in Kent, where he built a handsome house, and enjoyed a considerable estate.

Mr. Douce's taste for books, for antiquities, and his passion for music, were early manifested; his mother encouraged him in his studies; but his father repressed him. He succeeded his father in the Six Clerks Office, but soon left it in disgust; and took chambers in Gray's Inn, where he resided until his marriage in 1799. This event did not increase his happiness, though on his part it was a match of affection. He then purchased a house in Gower-street, and was enabled by economy to indulge his love for books, prints, and coins. Mr. Douce was for some time keeper of the manuscripts at the British Museum; but his spirit could not brook the interference of one of the Trustees, and he resigned his situation. He then removed from Gower-street to Charlotte-street, Portland-place; and, after some years, to Kensington-square.

His father died in 1799, and he lost his dear and affectionate mother at the close of the same year.

One of Mr. Douce's earliest literary friends was Mr. John Baynes, who died in 1787; and among others of this class were the Rev. Mr. Southgate of the British Museum, Dr. Farmer, Mr. Cracherode, Joseph Strutt, whom he greatly assisted in his curious publications, Sir John Hawkins, the Rev. Richard Hole, Charles and John Towneley, Lumisden, Barry the painter, Craven Ord, and Rev. John Brand. To the last-named he was exceedingly attached, and their studies being in the same direction, cemented this union. With Mr. Bindley, Mr. Douce used to pass one evening in the week for many years. He was also in correspondence with Dr. Beddoes, Dr. Willan, and Mr. Cooper

Walker of St. Valeri. With George Steevens he was on terms of great intimacy. Their first meeting was at White's the bookseller's shop in Fleet-street, where Steevens told Douce that he was projecting a new edition, saying, "I doubt not you have some observations you can give me, for I lay every one under contribution." Mr. Douce acknowledged that he had made some remarks on his favourite author, but modestly added they were not worth Mr. Steevens's notice. At length, however, he consented to communicate them, and Steevens called on him the next morning, and received them from him. From this period for three or four years he paid Mr. Douce a visit every morning at his chambers at 9 o'clock, staying till 10. Mr. Douce was used to speak of his intercourse with Steevens with great pleasure; he was delighted with his gentlemanly manners, his wit, and command of language, which gave great zest to his conversation. With another commentator on Shakspeare, the eccentric and unfortunate Ritson, Mr. Douce was also upon intimate terms, and was one of the very few persons visited by him. He also patronised Pinkerton on his first coming to London.

Mr. Douce to the last lived in habits of friendly intercourse with Malone, T. Park, S. Weston, G. Ellis, D'Israeli,* Sidney Hawkins,† Wilbraham, Dibdin, Haslewood,‡ Hamper,§ and others. His collections, and his richly-stored mind, were opened to all who

* Isaac D'Israeli, Esq. died January 19, 1848, aged 82. See memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* for July, 1848, p. 96. Two letters of Mr. D'Israeli to Dr. Vicesimus Knox are printed in the same Magazine, p. 29; and two letters of Mr. D'Israeli to Mr. Nichols in the same volume, p. 133, in one of which letters Mr. D'Israeli thus speaks of the "Literary Anecdotes," which were submitted to him whilst passing through the press:—"I have nearly explored this your mine of literary history; but I remain like a famished man,—I am hungering after more! Any you can supply me with will be most opportune. I congratulate you on your having accomplished this important work, which will now rank on our shelves with Wood's *Athenæ*—a great favourite with me; yet you have the advantage of a more interesting period, from the superiority of the works, and the authors." Afterwards, in speaking of the *Index to the Literary Anecdotes*, compiled by Mr. Samuel Bentley, Mr. D'Israeli adds, "In the numerous references I verified, I could not discover three errors in this numerals; and, considering how many thousands there are in this unparalleled *Index*, its correctness is not the least extraordinary part of it." Numerous notices of Mr. D'Israeli will be found in *Lit. Anecd. Index*, VII. 111, 552.

† John Sidney Hawkins, Esq. F.S.A. died Aug. 12, 1842, in his 85th year. See memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1842, ii. 662; and *Lit. Anecd. Index*, VII. 173, 588. *Lit. Illust. Index*, VIII. 52.

‡ Joseph Haslewood, Esq. F.S.A. died Sept. 21, 1833, in his 64th year. He was the fidus Achates of Dr. Dibdin (see his "Reminiscences" in *Index*, p. 24), and the assistant of Sir Egerton Brydges in his bibliographical works. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1833, ii. 467; and a defence of his character, and account of the Sale of his Library, in *Gent. Mag.* for 1834, i. p. 286-288, 606.

§ William Hamper, Esq. F.S.A. died May 3, 1831, aged 54. For a good memoir of this able antiquary, by his friend Thomas Sharp, Esq. F.S.A. see *Gent. Mag.* June, 1831, p. 566; and notices of him in *Britton's Autobiography*, vol. I. *Index*, 387. He was a valuable correspondent to Mr. Nichols in his *History of Leicestershire*, and contributed numerous drawings and articles to the *Gentleman's Magazine*.

cultivated the study of antiquities, with a liberality rarely equalled. With the distinguished orientalists, Sir George Staunton and Sir William Ouseley, Mr. Douce was in constant habits of intercourse; and a host of younger literary friends, among whom may be mentioned Sir Henry Ellis, Sir Francis Palgrave, Utterson, Markland, Ottley, Sir Frederick Madden, Gage-Rokewode,* Singer, Payne Collier, Thoms, and, in short, all who cultivated the study of antiquity either in literature or art. He was also in correspondence with several distinguished foreign antiquaries, among others his old friend the Abbé de la Rue, Raynouard, Millan, and the Abbé Tersan.

Mr. Douce's love of art had induced him to cultivate the acquaintance of artists of eminence, to whom his collections and his richly-stored mind were alike open upon all occasions; the veteran Stothard greatly benefited by them upon many occasions. This led to his acquaintance with Mr. Nollekens; an event which, though it increased his fortune, did not add to his happiness. Mr. Douce's health shortly afterwards gave way, and it may be doubtful whether his mind ever recovered its tone, from the vexations of a protracted suit, and the unfounded aspersions upon his character.

Mr. Douce's published works were few: they consist only of the "Illustrations of Shakspeare and Ancient Manners," in 2 vols. 8vo. a work which, though it was seized upon at the time of publication by a leading journal as a vehicle for an attack upon the votaries of the Black Letter, has received the meed of universal applause; "A Dissertation upon the series of beautiful designs known by the title of the Dance of Death," which embraces much curious information on the subject of early engraving, &c.; some interesting papers in the *Archæologia*; and many communications to the *Gentleman's Magazine*. He also contributed to John Thomas Smith's † "Antient Topography of London," 1815. But if all that Mr. Douce added to the illustration of literature and art, through the medium of others, was fairly before the world, a more just estimate of the rich stores of antiquarian knowledge with which his mind was fraught might be formed.

It is to be lamented that he should have directed the sealing-up of his literary remains until the close of the present century. His collections and common-place books upon the subject of the History of Arts, Manners, Customs, Superstitions, Fictions, Popular Sports, and Games of Ancient Times, will afford a rich mine to the antiquaries of a future age.

Mr. Douce left his very curious and valuable library, his prints, drawings, and medals, and coins to the Bodleian Library; and

* John Gage-Rokewode, Esq. F.R.S. F.L.S. Director of the Society of Antiquaries, died Oct. 14, 1842, aged 56. See a memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1842, ii. 659.

† John Thomas Smith, a very clever draughtsman and engraver. He published numerous Illustrations of London and Westminster, and other works. He died March 8, 1833, aged 67. See account of him in *Gent. Mag.*; and also a memoir, accompanied by a portrait of him, by J. Jackson, R.A., in "The Cries of London" a posthumous work of Mr. Smith's, 1839.



JOHN THOMAS SMITH,

Late Keeper of the Prints in the British Museum,

Author of Nollekens and his Times, Antient Topography, &c. &c.

Engraved by W. Skelton, from an Original Drawing by J. Jackson, Esq^r R.A.

bequeathed his collection of antique paintings, carvings, and other curiosities to his friend Sir S. R. Meyrick, and they are now preserved at Goodrich Court. Sir Samuel wrote a "Descriptive Catalogue" of them, which is printed in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1836, volumes v. and vi. of the new series.* The gentlemen to whom he left the residue of his property were the Rev. Mr. Goddard and W. Weller Singer, Esq.

In manners Mr. Douce was a perfect gentleman of the old school; a little reserved on first acquaintance; but, when this was passed, easy, affable, and kind, and no one could be more alive to the common courtesies of life which make intercourse agreeable. He was passionately fond of music, and was well acquainted with the works of Handel, Corelli, and the great composers of the last century. He had also in early life been a toxophilite and an angler; and retained to the last a love of the latter sport, which he sometimes practised in his annual visits to the country, which also afforded him facilities for the study of entomology, in which he took much pleasure. He expired on March the 30th, 1834, in his 77th year.†

P. 703, l. 7. See Croker's edition of Boswell's *Life of Johnson*, i. 373.

P. 718, l. 15, add note, "See Mr. Denne's remarks on the pillars in the Crypt of Canterbury Cathedral, in *Archæologia*, vol. x. p. 41."

P. 721, note, l. *ult.* add, "George Risdale (probably his son, called nephew to Mr. Windham) was captain, and marine paymaster and storekeeper at Bombay. His widow, Elizabeth, died Dec. 16, 1821."

P. 725, l. 3. "Mr. William Julius Mickle died Oct. 28, 1788; and his widow, daughter of Mr. Robert Tomkins, Feb. 20, 1811." (See Chalmers's *Biographical Dictionary*.)

P. 727. Dr. John Buckner, Bishop of Chichester, died May 2, 1824. See a memoir in *Gent. Mag.* May, 1824, p. 459; and his portrait in Dallaway's *History of Chichester*; see also *Lit. Illust. Index*, VIII. 15.

P. 728, l. 11 from bottom, "A tablet of white marble was, in 1820, placed in the south transept of Hereford Cathedral, to the memory of Dr. Napleton, with the following inscription by the Rev. John Guard, Rector of Pembridge:

'Sacred to the memory of John Napleton, D.D. Canon Residentiary of this Cathedral, and Chancellor of the Diocese, who died on the 9th of Dec. 1817, in the 80th year of his age; worthy

* Sir Samuel Rush Meyrick, K.H. LL.D. F.S.A. died on the 2d April, 1848, in his 65th year, and a memoir of him was given in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for July, 1848, p. 92.

† Abridged from a memoir in the *Gentleman's Magazine*. Such parts of the memoir as relate to dissensions between Mr. Douce and his family, and the circumstances connected with Mr. Nollekens' property, are omitted, as they were contradicted in the *Gent. Mag.* for Dec. 1834, p. 338. A copy of Mr. Douce's will, itself a literary curiosity, follows the memoir in *Gent. Mag.* for August 1834, p. 216.

to be numbered with the good for his exemplary virtues, and with the wise for the application of high talents to important purposes; distinguished during his academical career by his exertions for the advancement of learning, diligent in the discharge of his judicial duties, an active promoter of the temporal welfare of all who relied on his assistance, he laboured more abundantly at the great work of the eternal salvation of mankind; not ceasing to prove his zeal for Religion, when he grew old in its service; but through the decline of life, as in the prime of his days, and even amidst the afflictive languor which preceded his dissolution, enlightening the world by fresh illustration of the Gospel, to the very last.'

A good likeness of Dr. Napleton was painted by Leeming in 1814, and is engraved by Picart as a private plate. A fine whole-length painting by Devis is preserved in the hospital at Ledbury, where the Doctor was for many years Master. See *Gent. Mag.* vol. xciv. ii. p. 594, where is added a list of Dr. Napleton's works.

P. 738, note, l. 14 from bottom, "Dr. William Disney died at Pluckley, March 28, 1807, aged 75, and his remains were interred in the family-vault at Cranbrook. His widow survived till the 18th of May, 1820, when she died at Ashford, aged 84, and was buried at Cranbrook."

P. 753, note, l. 4 from bottom, omit "now."

P. 755, l. 2, and note, l. 9 from bottom. "This was the afterwards well-known Lieut.-Gen. Sir Herbert Taylor, G.C.B. and G.C.H., Colonel of the 85th Foot, who died at Rome, April 20, 1839, aged 63."

P. 762, add to note, "Francis, Chief of the province of Chittagong, son of Archdeacon Law, is mentioned in Blakeway's *Sheriffs of Shropshire*, p. 229."

P. 763, note. Sir Robert Harry Inglis, Bart. was the only son of Sir Hugh Inglis, Bart., by Catharine, daughter and co-heir of Harry Johnson, esq. of Milton Bryant, co. Bedford. His father, who was grandson of Robert Inglis, esq. some time M.P. for Edinburgh, was for many years a leading director of the East India Company, some time M.P. for Ashburton, and created a Baronet in 1801 (see the *Gentleman's Magazine* for Sept. 1820, and a further memoir published in 1821, 8vo.) • Sir Robert was born in London, on the 12th Jan. 1786. He was educated at Winchester College, under the immediate care of the late Bishop Huntingford, and at Christ Church, Oxford, under Dr. Cyril Jackson. He graduated B.A. 1806, M.A. 1809; and the degree of D.C.L. was conferred upon him in 1826. On the 8th June, 1818, he was called to the bar, by the Hon. Society of Lincoln's Inn. He was subsequently elected Recorder of Devizes, and was for some years chairman of quarter sessions in Bedfordshire; but he did not pursue the law as a profession, being in early life for some time private secretary to Lord Sidmouth, and in 1812 appointed one of the commissioners for the settlement of the affairs of the Carnatic, which office he retained for many years. He first entered Parliament in 1824, as member for the Irish

borough of Dundalk, through the patronage of the Earl of Roden; and, in 1826, was elected for Ripon, on the nomination of Miss Lawrence. In Feb. 1829, when the change of policy in Sir R. Peel, in regard to the Roman Catholic claims, offended his supporters in the University of Oxford, and when he, in consequence, accepted the stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds, in order to replace himself in the hands of his constituency, Sir Robert Inglis was selected by the Protestant party as his substitute, and was returned by a majority of 755 to 609. From that period Sir Robert continued to represent the university until his retirement, on account of impaired health, in 1853. So long as he was able to perform his parliamentary duties he was one of the most assiduous and laborious members of the senate. He was not only very attentive to all the actual business of the house, but he was ever ready to take part in debate, in defence of our ancient institutions in Church and State. His firm and consistent assertion of his sentiments was, however, always tempered by good sense and moderation, and by invariable courtesy of demeanour. Few persons have, in that respect, been more remarkable. He had a kind recognition and a few words of conversation for perhaps a larger circle of acquaintance than any other public man who survived him. It will be long before Sir Robert Inglis is entirely forgotten in those societies which he has long cheered by his *bon-homme*; and the younger members of the House of Commons will, for many years to come, recal to mind, among the early associations of their senatorial life, the member for Oxford University moving quietly on towards his place in the House, with a fresh flower at his button-hole, and with a genial smile and courteous word for every one.

Some of Sir Robert Inglis's speeches in the House of Commons were printed as pamphlets: as, 1. Speech on the third reading of the Roman Catholic Relief Bill, May 10, 1825; 2. Substance of two speeches on the Roman Catholic Question, May 10, 1825, and May 9, 1828; 3. The Universities and Dissenters, substance of a speech, 26th March, 1834.

Sir Robert Inglis took an active part in many public societies, both of the learned and the religious class. He was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, Feb. 22, 1816, and from 1846 was one of its Vice-Presidents, except during the year before his death, when he retired in rotation. He was a member of the Record Commission during the reign of King William the Fourth. He was elected a Trustee of the British Museum in the room of the Earl of Hardwicke in 1834; and was also a Trustee of the Hunterian Museum at the Royal College of Surgeons. He had for many years been a Vice-President of the Royal Literary Fund Society, and was elected Professor of Antiquity in the Royal Academy in 1850. He was also President of the Literary Club, the same which is usually called Dr. Johnson's Club.

He was an active supporter of the religious and educational societies connected with the Established Church. He was one of

the Royal Commissioners for Building Churches and a Trustee of the Metropolis Churches Fund. He had for many years been one of the Treasurers of the fund for the Sons of the Clergy; he was also a Vice-President of the Clergy Orphan Society, a Life Governor of King's College, London, and President of the National Truss Society. He was a Director of the University Life Assurance Society, and of the Phoenix Fire Office. He was an elegant scholar both in classical and English literature; and in every private relation an upright, charitable, and benevolent man. Sir Robert married in 1807 Mary eldest daughter (by the first marriage) of Joseph Seymour Biscoe, esq. of Penhill, Surrey, but had no issue. The baronetcy consequently became extinct on his death, which took place in Bedford Square, May 5, 1855, in his 70th year. Sir Robert's last surviving sister died at Milton Bryant in Oct. 1853. A characteristic portrait of Sir Robert Inglis, by Richmond, was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1855, and one was published some years before in Ryall's series of Eminent Conservative Statesmen.

P. 763, note, l. *penult.* r. George Basevi, Esq. F.S.A. This gentleman was unfortunately killed at Ely Cathedral, Oct. 16, 1845, aged 51. He was the youngest son of George Basevi, Esq. of Brighton; was educated at the school of the Rev. Dr. Burney, at Greenwich; and received his first professional instruction as pupil in the office of the late Sir John Soane; after which he studied during three years in Greece and Rome. He soon rose into notice, and executed many public and private works which have been deservedly admired for their general arrangement and exquisite taste. Belgrave Square, erected from his designs, is without a rival in that style of architecture. But his great work is the Fitzwilliam Museum at Cambridge, perhaps the finest building in modern times of the florid Italian style. He was also joint architect with Mr. Sydney Smirke of the splendid Conservative Club, in St. James's Street. Among the churches built or restored by him are the small churches in the early-English style at Twickenham and Brompton, and the Norman church at Hove, near Brighton, while St. Mary's Hall at the other extremity of Brighton attests his equal skill in the Elizabethan style. He was highly esteemed for his great talents, integrity of character, and gentlemanly manners, and much beloved in his family and among his friends. He married March 30, 1830, Miss Frances-Agnata Biscoe, whom with eight young children he left to deplore the awful calamity which suddenly deprived him of life. He had been the evening before in company with the Dean of Ely and the Rev. Mr. Stewart to inspect the West Bell Tower of Ely Cathedral, then undergoing some repairs, with the construction of which he was much struck; and on the return of the party to the deanery, where he spent the evening and slept, it was the subject of much interesting discussion. On the following morning he was to have left for Cambridge, but proposed before his departure another visit to the Bell Tower, where it would appear that, while absorbed in con-

sidering its construction, he unconsciously stepped from off a broad beam on which he was standing, and on both sides of which the flooring had been removed, fell through the aperture, and striking his head in the fall was killed on the spot. He was buried, at the expressed wish of the Dean and Chapter of Ely, in Bishop Alcock's chapel in the north aisle of their beautiful cathedral, with the full cathedral service, the Bishop himself officiating. Among the many mourners who attended his remains to their honoured grave, were the Dean, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, Dr. French, the Rev. H. S. Selwyn, Professor Willis, and several other distinguished members of the University of Cambridge.

P. 831. Edward Hay, Esq. died Oct. 13, 1826; see *Gent. Mag.* 1826, p. 477, and *Biographical Dictionary of Living Authors*, 1816, p. 150.

P. 869. The Rev. William Layton died Feb. 19, 1831, at his residence, St. Mary at Elms, Ipswich, in his 81st year. He was the only surviving son of the Rev. Andrew Layton, A.M. for twenty-eight years Rector of St. Matthew in Ipswich, descended from an ancient family in Yorkshire, a pedigree of which is given in Thoresby's '*Ducatus Leodiensis*.' He was born in the rectory house of Sproughton in Suffolk, and placed at a very early age under the tuition of his uncle, the Rev. Anthony Temple, A.M. Master of the Free Grammar School at Richmond in Yorkshire. After having reaped the benefit of his uncle's instruction for a period of nine years, he was removed to St. Paul's school, London, and, with an exhibition from that school, was entered a pensioner of Trinity College, Cambridge, where he proceeded A.B. in 1773, and A.M. in 1776. In 1774 he was licensed, on the nomination of George-William Earl of Bristol, to the perpetual curacy of Playford in Suffolk; and in the following year was presented by the Crown to the rectory of Helmley in the same county, and to that of St. Matthew in Ipswich. In 1826 he resigned the curacy of Playford. In his public as well as in his private character Mr. Layton was highly valued and deservedly respected; and few persons ever passed a more active and useful life. On all subjects connected with ecclesiastical affairs, his knowledge and information were most correct and extensive; these therefore were constantly sought after by his clerical brethren, and as freely and kindly imparted to them. A zealous advocate for civil and religious liberty, and firmly attached to those constitutional principles which were established at the Revolution, his sentiments were liberal and enlarged; and, although such sentiments at one time exposed him to obloquy and censure, yet on every occasion he fearlessly maintained them, and boldly acted up to those principles with firmness and consistency. In disposition he was kind and benevolent, and his contributions to charitable institutions, more especially to those of Ipswich and his native county, were liberal and extensive, and exceeded only by his more numerous acts of private beneficence.

Mr. Layton was never married, but he left two sisters, viz. Elizabeth, the wife of the Rev. Joseph Lowthian, M.A. Vicar of Thatcham, Berks, and Mrs. Marianne Layton, of Ipswich, who died January 26, 1844, aged 81.

In 1815 Mr. Layton was presented by the members of the Ipswich Book Club with a handsome gold medal, commemorative of his services; and at the time of his decease he was one of the oldest surrogates and incumbents in the county of Suffolk, as well as members of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, of which he was for many years the valuable and active secretary to the District Committee of the town of Ipswich.

Mr. Layton possessed a very valuable and extensive library, rich in works of topography, antiquities, and genealogy, to which branches of literature he was early and ardently attached; and in which not a book was to be found that did not contain some marks of his corrective hand. But his attention was chiefly directed to the ecclesiastical history of his native county, and in this, his favourite department, his manuscript collections were most ample, and of the highest value from their extreme accuracy and minuteness of research. The writer * of this memoir has often heard him remark, that 'for fear of error he dared not put pen to paper;' but when the pen was once put, the fact or date was then unquestionable.

The pages of the Gentleman's Magazine were frequently indebted to him for many useful corrections, and various short biographical notices; and those of the 'Literary Anecdotes,' as well as the 'Illustrations,' are enriched with many of his valuable and judicious remarks. (See Advertisements to vol. VIII. of Lit. Anecd. and to vols. I. IV. and VI. of Lit. Illustrations.)

P. 869. The Rev. George Rogers died Dec. 15, 1836, at his rectory house at Sproughton, near Ipswich, where he had been Rector for upwards of half a century. See his character, by the Rev. J. Ford, in the Obituary of the Gentleman's Magazine, N. S. vol. v. p. 555. He published the Sermons of the Rev. E. Evanson in 1806.

P. 879. The interesting article on the Dawson family, and several Suffolk Worthies, was from the pen of the Rev. James Ford; as were also the following ones on the Rev. George Barton, p. 880, and Mr. John Mole, p. 887.

VOLUME VII.

* * * *The Reader is requested to notice the Additions and Corrections in this volume at the beginning, p. xxv.*

P. 1. Jan. 22, 1800, George Steevens, Esq. His library was sold in 1800 by Mr. King. The number of lots was 1943, and

* The Rev. James Ford. See before, p. 659.

they produced 2740*l.* 15*s.* See account of the books by Mr Clarke in "Repertorium Bibliographicum," p. 543.

P. 23, l. *penult.* r. "Thursday last, Jan. 8."

P. 90. Through the kindness of Mr. Hawkins, of the British Museum, and Mr. Blewitt, secretary of the Literary Fund, Mr. Robert Jamieson was nominated by Prince Albert to be one of the Poor Brethren of the Charter House. He came from Scotland about 1843, and died at the Charter House Sept. 4, 1844.

P. 99. See account of Dr. Traill in Literary Illustrations, vol. VIII. p. 382.—P. 103, l. 4, r. "Woodhouselee."

P. 103. The Rev. Edward Ryan, D.D. died January 1819.

P. 105. In Aug. 1802, Dr. Anderson paid a visit to Bishop Percy at Dromore, and was welcomed by a Sonnet by Mr. T. Stott (see vol. VII. 174). Dr. Anderson returned to Edinburgh in October, and was addressed in another Sonnet, signed H. These two Sonnets were printed in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1802, ii. pp. 952, 1140.

P. 109, note. See a second letter of Lady Dalrymple, on the same subject, in vol. VIII. p. 374.

P. 120. Professor Richardson, of Glasgow, died Nov. 3, 1814.

P. 134, l. 18 and 23 from bottom, r. "Woodhouselee."

P. 205, l. 16. Dr. Alexander Adam died Dec. 20, 1809. See account of him in Gent. Mag. 1810, i. 178.

P. 302. In the Gentleman's Magazine for 1785, p. 741, are two letters, between the Bishop of Derry (afterwards Earl of Bristol) and Mr. James Boswell, on the proposed Union of England and Ireland.

P. 316. Professor John Young, of Glasgow, died Nov. 18, 1820.

P. 320. In a copy of "Moral and Historical Memoirs," by the Rev. William Johnson Temple, LL.B. which formerly belonged to the Rev. John Brickdale Blakeway, the excellent historian of Shrewsbury, and passed from him to the late Rev. Edward Burton,* D.D. Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford, Mr. Blakeway has left these memoranda: "William Johnson Temple, LL.B. of Trinity college, Cambridge, was originally intended for the law, but afterwards took orders. He died August 1796. See Nichols's Literary Anecdotes, vol. iii. pp. 190, 756. This gentleman was the author of the anonymous character of the late Mr. Gray, which has been adopted by Dr. Johnson. He is reported to have left a legacy of 300*l.* to John Wilkes for his attachment to freedom." The book occurred in the sale of Mr. Story's library at Shrewsbury, Oct. 29, 1857, lot 1540.

P. 327, note*. Of Mrs. Elizabeth Montague see Literary Anecdotes, Index, vol. VII. pp. 271, 630; Lit. Illust. Index, p. 74; and Chalmers's Dictionary, vol. XXII. p. 275.

P. 359. The Rev. Dr. Samuel Parr died at his parsonage of Hatton, co. Warwick, on the 6th March, 1825. See his Life, by

* Dr. Burton died Jan. 19, 1836, in his 42d year. See memoir of him by the Rev. Dr. Bliss, in Gent. Mag. 1836, i. 310.

Dr. Johnstone, prefixed to Dr. Parr's Works, in 8 vols. 8vo. A long memoir of him is given in *Gent. Mag.* for April 1825. See notices of him in *Lit. Anecd. Index*, VII. pp. 310, 645. *Lit. Illust. Index*, VIII. 82.

P. 399, note. See an account of the Pitt diamond in *Lit. Illust.* VI. p. 67, and a cut of it in p. 70.

P. 401. On the Apamean Medal, see *Additions* in vol. VII. p. 437.

P. 405. Of the Roman Milliare found at Leicester, see *Additions* in p. 437 of the same volume.

P. 436. George Baker, esq. Historian of Northamptonshire, died on the 12th Oct. 1851, aged 70, and a memoir of him appeared in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for Nov. 1851, p. 551.

P. 438. A portrait of Dr. Lort was painted for Rev. Wm. Cole, and had been copied for Dr. Farmer; both were returned to Mr. Cole Dec. 31, 1781. In a large drawing of Tickencote Church, by Mr. J. Carter, is a whole-length portrait of Dr. Lort, drawn by his permission. See *Lit. Anecd.* II. 678.

P. 454, note, l. 1. Bishop Smallwell died June 26, 1799, at his palace at Cuddesden. He was elected Bishop of St. David's in 1783; and translated to Oxford in 1788. He was also a Canon of Christ Church, and Rector of Batsford, Gloucestershire.

P. 482, note l. *ult.* Dr. James Macknight died January 13, 1800. See memoir in *Gent. Mag.* vol. LXX. p. 281.

P. 493. Mr. Soame Jenyns died Dec. 18, 1787. See Cole's character of him in this volume, p. 575; *Index* to *Lit. Anecd.* VII. 197, 602; *Index* to *Lit. Illust.* VIII. 59.

P. 503, note †. Of Dr. Samuel Hallifax, Bishop of St. Asaph, see *Lit. Anecdotes*, *Index*, VII. pp. 166, 585; IX. p. 659; and *Chalmers's Dictionary*, vol. XVII. p. 79.

P. 512, note. Of Rev. Daniel Augustus Beaufort, see *Index* to *Lit. Illust.* VIII. 8.

P. 513, note ‡, add "Rev. Dr. Charles Berington, Roman Catholic Bishop of the Midland District, died June 9, 1798. He was a scholar of great classical taste, a man whose judgment was profound, and whose hilarity of conversation rendered him the delight of society."

P. 547, note, l. 3 from bottom, omit "it is believed," and refer to *Gent. Mag.* 1814, i. 480.

P. 555, l. 4 from bottom, r. "Glynn."

P. 565. The Rev. Thomas Maurice, M.A. Assistant Keeper of the MSS. at the British Museum, was originally intended for the law; but his wish was to be in the Church. At his own earnest desire, an appeal was made to the celebrated Dr. Parr, who took a great interest on his behalf; he became one of the Doctor's favourite pupils, and was ever afterwards honoured by his friendship. On leaving school he entered at St. John's College, Oxford. The bent of his mind led him to poetry, as may be seen by the titles of his numerous early works. The first was a Translation of the *Œdipus Tyrannus* of Sophocles; followed by "The School Boy,"

1775; "The Oxonian;" "Netherby," 1776; "Hagley," 1777; "Monody on the Duchess of Northumberland;" "Warley, a Satire," 1778. A collected volume of his Poems appeared in 1779. "Ierne Rediviva;" "Westminster Abbey," 1784; "Panthea, or the Captive Bride, a Tragedy," 1789; "Elegy on Sir Wm. Jones," 1795; "The Crisis," 1798; "Grove Hill," 1799. In 1800 appeared another edition of his "Poems, Epistolary, Lyric, and Elegiacal;" in 1806, "The Fall of the Mogul, a Tragedy;" and in 1807, "Richmond Hill, a Poem."

But the principal works on which rests Mr. Maurice's reputation as an author are those connected with the history of Ancient India, particularly of Hindostan, and other publications relative to the same subject. These met with great approbation, as they ably defended Christianity. His objects in writing such laborious works were ably stated in his Prefaces. (See also *Gent. Mag.* 1824, i. 470—472.)

Mr. Maurice published his own "Memoirs; comprehending the History of the Progress of Indian Literature, and Anecdotes of Literary Characters in Britain, during a period of thirty years." Three parts were published, carrying on his history to the year 1796, but the fourth and final part was never printed. The work is very amusing.

Mr. Maurice was in early life curate of Woodford, in Essex; where in 1786 he married Miss Pearce, an amiable lady, whose early death in 1793 was the greatest misfortune that could have happened to Mr. Maurice, as it entirely altered his mode of life.

The talents, attainments, and virtues of this learned and esteemed man amply expiated his singularities and infirmities.

Mr. Maurice died March 30, 1824, in his 70th year, and was buried at Woodford, accompanied to the grave by his nephew Wm. Bevill Maurice, Esq.; his executors Sir H. Ellis and J. B. Nichols; T. J. Pettigrew, Esq. Taylor Combe, Esq. and other friends.

P. 577, l. *ult.* Rev. Samuel Harper died July 13, 1803 (not 1804); see *Gent. Mag.* for 1803, p. 697.

P. 581, l. 2 from bottom. Elizabeth, third wife and widow of the Rev. Robert Nares, Archdeacon of Stafford, died at Exeter, May 20, 1853, aged 84. She was the youngest daughter of the Rev. Dr. S. Smith, formerly head-master of Westminster School.

P. 594, note, l. *ult.* add, "*Gent. Mag.* for 1848, p. 256."

P. 598, l. 20. "The Life of Goldsmith."—The Life was compiled from materials collected by Bishop Percy, who employed Dr. Thomas Campbell on the work in 1790 (see *Lit. Illust.* vol. VII. pp. 766, 777—780). Afterwards the Bishop transferred the materials to the Rev. Henry Boyd, who in 1797 completed the "Life" (see the following letter of Bishop Percy to Messrs. Cadell and Davies). The Life was ultimately published in the collected edition of the Poet's works, and edited by Samuel Rose, Esq. in 1802. It is thus noticed by Archdeacon Nares in a review of it in the *British Critic* for Sept. 1802:—"This

edition of one of our most pleasing authors is rendered the more attractive by the account of his life prefixed, which contains many new and interesting anecdotes. IT HAPPENS TO BE KNOWN TO US, THOUGH BY WHAT CHANNEL WE ARE NOT AT LIBERTY TO SAY, that the materials have been collected from the most authentic sources, in a great measure from the relations of the poet himself, and digested and arranged under the eye of a Writer who to many other qualifications added an intimate knowledge of the person described.* Who the medical friend was, who communicated a few of the anecdotes, we are not informed; BUT OF THE REST WE CAN SPEAK WITH CONFIDENCE; and of that part also we cannot but say that it bears strong marks of authenticity."

Bp. Percy to Messrs. Cadell and Davies.

"GENTLEMEN,

Near Northampton, Aug. 30, 1797.

"In your proposed terms of agreement I have little objection, only before I engage for the Epilogue having been never printed, I have applied to a friend much more conversant with the stage than I am, to make a very minute search into that subject. The longest and most valuable of the two, which I have in the Doctor's own handwriting, I have every reason to believe never was, and this will be sufficient to secure to the proprietors a renewed property in his Works. The other he gave me in a packet of his letters and papers, but being in the handwriting of the actor who was to recite it, may have got into some old magazine, though I never heard it was in any.

"Mr. Boyd had just finished his *Life of Goldsmith* as I was leaving Ireland, and I have been too much engaged with more important business since I came over to give it a regular revisal; but from a cursory inspection I see that, although it is elegantly written, yet as I knew personally and intimately Dr. Goldsmith, which Mr. Boyd did not, I can exceedingly improve it, which I am willing to do gratis, and with as much speed as is consistent with my health and other more important engagements (having, though personally absent, the superintendence of a diocese, which, being at a distance, engages me in the more business, as I have letters and papers to forward without the assistance of a secretary), not to mention other avocations. In the meantime the delay is for the advantage of the booksellers, as it will afford them more time to dispose of the handsome edition which, you say, the proprietors have still on their hands. However, I will prepare the *Life* with all convenient dispatch, while you are printing off the other three vols. For I think the arrangement should be thus, not separating the *Plays* and *Poems*, much less the '*Citizen of the World*':—

"1 vol. '*The Life*,' with Dr. Goldsmith's '*Review of Polite Literature in Europe*' (to which I can add some notes given me by

* The Bishop appears to have been dissatisfied with some "Interpolations" in the *Life*, as noticed in a letter from Malone to Percy (see this vol. p. 240); but who the Interpolator was does not appear.

the author, and never printed), and some other things to complete that volume.

“ 2. The Poems and Plays.

“ 3. The ‘ Citizen of the World ;’ this should be in 1 volume.

“ 4. The ‘ Essays,’ and ‘ Vicar of Wakefield.’

“ If you can send me all the copies from which you intend to print, I will give them a previous revision, and can perhaps supply some illustrations. If you accept the proposal, I will in my next direct you how to send them to “ Your obedient servant.”

“ GENTLEMEN,

Near Northampton, April 6th, 1798.

“ I should have sent you the copy of Dr. Goldsmith’s Life, &c. last week as I proposed; but my journey to Ireland being delayed till next week, I have employed the intermediate time in giving it a thorough revisal. I shall send it at the beginning of next week, and with it some of his fugitive pieces, which till now have not been known to be his; as also a new and beautiful stanza of his ‘ Hermit,’ which will render all former editions of that poem incomplete and defective.

“ I shall also return you all the books you sent me except Boswell’s Life of Johnson, in 3 vols. 8vo., which a friend wishes to retain, if you will inform me by return of post of the price.

“ I shall insert in your copy of ‘ The Inquiry into the present State of Polite Literature in Europe,’ Dr. Goldsmith’s MS. Notes, but his references being made to the first edition, and the pages, and probably many passages, being altered in this which you sent me, being the second edition, I cannot always find the places, &c.; unless therefore you should wish I should carry your book to Ireland, to collate it with my first edition, I shall now send yours, with Dr. Goldsmith’s paper of notes stuck thereon, which your printer perhaps will apply to the proper places.

“ I thought to have taken for my companion in the postchaise the two volumes of Dr. Goldsmith’s Poems, which might furnish remarks for your next edition: if you had rather they should be returned with the rest, you shall have them now.

“ I am, Gentlemen, your humble Servant,

“ THO. DROMORE.”

P. 622. The Rev. Wm. Lisle Bowles died at Salisbury on the 7th April 1850, in his 88th year. His literary career was distinguished, first, by his sweet poetry, particularly his sonnets; next by his controversial writings respecting Alexander Pope, and on various matters of ecclesiastical policy; and lastly by his antiquarian works, particularly his Histories of Lacock Abbey and of his own parish of Bremhill. See a memoir of this very amiable but eccentric man in the Gentleman’s Magazine for June 1850, p. 672.

P. 679, note. See memoir and portrait of the Rev. Theophilus Buckeridge in Lit. Illust. VI. 311; and in Erdeswick’s Survey of Staffordshire, edited by Dr. Harwood, 2d edit. 1844, p. lxvi.

P. 680, l. 22. Nathan Drake, M.D. died June 7, 1836, aged 70. See memoir of him in Gent. Mag. 1836, ii. 215.

P. 699, l. 10, r. "Beaufort."

P. 752, note, r. "Mr. J. Talbot Dillon."

P. 834, note †. Lord Plunket died at his seat, Old Connaught, Jan. 5, 1854, in his 90th year. See memoir of him in Gent. Mag. 1854, i. 191.

P. 832. Alexander Marsden, Esq. died Sept. 22, 1835.

P. 844, note. Dr. W. Marsden died Oct. 6, 1836. See memoir in Gent. Mag. Feb. 1837, p. 212.

P. 846, note, r. "Mr. William Beauford."

VOLUME VIII.

P. 2, l. 2, r. "Married to Stephen first Earl of Mountcashel, and died June 3, 1792."

P. 43, note. Joseph Mallord William Turner, esq. R.A. the very eminent landscape-painter, died Dec. 19, 1851, aged 76; leaving his country indebted to him for one of the most generous bequests ever given to the public, by which his memory will be preserved to distant generations. See memoir, Gent. Mag. Feb. 1852, p. 198.

P. 73, l. 3, from bottom, for "1783," r. "1788."

P. 74, notes, l. 3, from bott. Mrs. Mary Morgan, daughter of John Nichols, died Aug. 1, 1850. (See Gent. Mag. Sept. p. 337.)

P. 85, note, l. 3 from bottom, r. "Rev. Edward Blakeway."

P. 95, note. The Rev. Edward Popham was first of St. Mary hall, Oxford, B.A. 1759; afterwards Fellow of Oriel college, M.A. 1762, B. and D.D. 1774. He was presented by his father to the rectory of Chilton Foliot, in Wiltshire, in 1779, and died there on the 16th Sept. 1815, aged 77. See the Gentleman's Magazine, vol. lxxxv. ii. 377, and the Topographer and Genealogist, 1858, vol. iii. pp. 576, 588.

P. 96, note, l. 3, for "present Bishop of London," r. "Dr. Blomfield, Bishop of London, who died in 1857."

P. 118. Charles O'Connor, esq. of Balynagare, died July 1, 1791, in his 82d year. See Gent. Mag. for Aug. 1791, p. 776.

P. 145, last note, Mr. Baynes was not the author of the "Archæological Epistle." It was written by the Rev. William Mason. See this volume, pp. 569, 571, 572.

P. 148. The following is extracted from the "Church History of Brittany from the Romans to the Conquest. By R. F. S. Cressy, of the holy order of Benedict." Fol. 1668. Book I. chap. iv. p. 7. "Next the Druids the Bards were in high esteem, who were the prophets, poets, and historians to the Brittaines; for, saith Ammianus Marcellinus (vol. 15), their office was to compose in heroic verses the famous exploits of their ancestors, which they sang to the people to the delightful musick of their harpes. And this confirms the saying of Festus, that the word *Bardus* in the Gallic or Brittish tongue signifies a

singer ; as to this day the Welsh call such an one a Bard. Now the word bard a modern philologist (Abr. Vandermyl, in Gloss.) derives from the ancient Teutonic term *bardo* or *wardo*, signifying to see or observe : so that they may seem to be called in the same notion that the prophets among the Jews were called seers. Another late writer (not named) conceives the term bard to come from the German *waerde*, signifying still with us a word and a song, as the Greek term *ἑπῖς* doeth ; so that a bard is *ἑποκοῖος*, a song-maker. This was the chief employment of the bards ; though, besides this, their task was likewise to conserve in memory the genealogies and descents of families."

P. 148. In the Gent. Mag. for March, 1848, p. 292, it is stated that some letters of Edward II. have been discovered. In one of these he sends his "rhymer" to learn to play the "crowther;" which seems to confirm Bishop Percy's opinion that the Bard and the Minstrel were the same person.

P. 173, note, l. 1, r. "to and from Mr. Wilson."

P. 186. The following letter from Dr. Farmer to Mr. Malone, relating to the authorship of the plays of "King Henry VI." is copied from the Gentleman's Magazine for Nov. 1841, p. 494.

MY DEAR SIR,

Eman: Aug. 9, 1787.

I hoped to have seen you in my way thro' town, but I spent only one day there, and that at the other end of it.

You should have heard from me a post or two sooner, but our Registrar was out of the University, and I could not earlier get into the office. I find that Henry Earl of Southampton was admitted to the degree of B.A. in 1589, and proceeded no further ; and luckily examining the Book of Matriculations, I at last fell upon "Hen. Comes Southampton, impubes, 12 an°." of St. John's Coll. Decr. 11, 1585. Here we have his age as well as College. Essex was of Trin. June 1, 1579.

I know not what to say as to the picture you mention. To be sure I could not cry out with Falstaff that "I am ashamed of my Company;" but as there is a print* from it already, would not the property be invaded? Indeed, neither the one nor the other is a favourite. Romney supposed, as the picture was for a College, that it would be hung in a high room ; and the engraver has not allowed for the exaggeration.

(Some casual remarks on other matters are here omitted.)

By the way, this reminds me of a letter in the hands of Mr. Boswell, which will effectually demolish Mr. Colman's idea, that in the Preface to my Pamphlet I meant to compliment *Mr. Steevens*. It appears from the date of that letter that I had no acquaintance with him till long after that publication, and I wish Mr. Colman was informed that I alluded to *Dr. Johnson*, whose words I am sure I took down to a syllable : "I have not read a book which better answers the purpose for which it was written, and the ques-

* This alludes to the portrait of Dr. Farmer painted by G. Romney, R.A. and engraved by J. Jones. It is preserved in Nichols's History of Leicestershire, frontispiece to vol. IV. Part I.

tion is for ever decided." Mr. Reed just shewed me this squib of Colman's. He cannot himself think that any thing else deserves notice. Whatever you may have fancy'd, I solemnly declare to you, that I always meant to send you my Notes on the *Henrys*, if I could find them, and I flattered myself they might be among some papers at Canterbury. I cannot yet find them, and you want no assistance. As I remember, you have *some* of my arguments, but not *all*. I have supposed the plays originally *Marlow's*, and altered after his death by *Shakespeare*; this I argued from *Style and Manner*, with many quotations, from passages contradictory to others in Shakespeare's genuine Plays, and others *clashing* in the Henry's *themselves*, which shew *different hands*, &c. &c. Besides, Marlow was so much hung up as an example of divine vengeance for *Atheism*, that nothing would go down under his name. That poor wretch Capell, besides his conundrum of Shakespeare's *underwriting himself on purpose*, quotes two lines to prove the *whole Shakespeare's*, "What! will th' aspiring blood of Lancaster sink in the ground? I thought it would have mounted." It is curious that *Marlow* has the same phraseology in his Edward II. "Scorning that the lowly earth should drink his blood, mounts up to th'air." So much for Master Capell. After all, if any thing turns up you shall have it. In the last edition, many things taken from *conversation*, on a *pencil'd margin*, by *Reed* or *Steevens*, when they were with me, are egregiously blundered, and sometimes *sheer nonsense*.

We shall be happy to see you at the *Fair*.

Yours affectionately, R. FARMER.

Calamo rapidiss.

To Edmund Malone, Esq.

P. 199, note, l. 4, read "Right Hon. Thomas Grenville, who died Dec. 17, 1846," and of whom a memoir will be found in *Gent. Mag.* Feb. 1847, i. 197.

P. 205, l. 6 from bottom. Mr. Selby was a Bencher at Gray's Inn. See *Lit. Illust.* VII. 139, and his account of Ritson's death, 142.

P. 213, l. 9 from bottom. "In one of the numerous letters I have copied relative to the Rowleian controversy is a passage which states that the original MSS., or at least a specimen of them, were lost by a *gentleman who is now a Judge in India*. This letter explains who that person was, and the true facts of the transaction.—E. G. BALLARD."

P. 237, note, l. ult. The Rt. Hon. Thomas Orde afterwards took the name of Paulet, was made Lord Bolton, of Bolton Castle, co. York, Oct. 30, 1807, and died July 30, 1817.

P. 241, l. 5. "Who was this Rev. Wm. Storrock, and what connexion had he with Sir John Eliot? It would appear, it was in consequence of this connexion that Bishop Percy presented him to the living in question.—E. G. BALLARD."

P. 265. The Rev. John Pridden, M.A., F.S.A. was born January 3, 1758, and was educated at St. Paul's School, London, and at Queen's College, Oxford. He was elected Minor Canon

of St. Paul's in 1782. In 1783 he was presented to the vicarage of Heybridge, near Maldon, and in 1788 to the vicarage of Little Wakering. Both these Essex livings he resigned in 1797, on his presentation to the vicarage of Caddington, Bedfordshire, where he resided in the summer season, and rebuilt the parsonage. In 1795 he was appointed one of the Priests of the Chapels Royal, and also a Minor Canon of Westminster. From 1783 Mr. Pridden was for 20 years the diligent curate of St. Bride's, Fleet Street; so that, with his Cathedral duties, few men were more constantly employed. In 1812 he was presented to his last and best preferment, the rectory of St. George, Botolph Lane. In the performance of his clerical duties he was energetic and impressive, and in the service of the choir modulated his voice with skill.

Mr. Pridden had a considerable knowledge and natural taste for architecture and civil engineering. He formed a design for uniting the tops of Holborn Hill and Snow Hill by a handsome Bridge, for which he was thanked by the Corporation of London. In 1811 he projected a new method for the more effectual drainage of the Fens, called the Bedford Level. (*Gent. Mag.* 1811, i. 231.) He was the first honorary secretary of the General Sea Bathing Infirmary at Margate. (*See Gent. Mag.* 1797, p. 841.)

He contributed a *History of Reculver and Herne* to the "*Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica*," 1787; some curious extracts from the registers of Heybridge to the "*Illustrations of the Manners and Expenses of Antient Times*," 1797; and drawings of churches and other communications to Mr. Nichols's laborious "*History of Leicestershire*." In 1803 he printed a Sermon preached at the Anniversary Meeting of the Charity Children at St. Paul's Cathedral. (*See Gent. Mag.* 1803, p. 450.)

In 1794 Mr. Pridden entered into an engagement with the Rev. Dr. Strachey (who had originally undertaken the task by direction of the House of Lords) to form an ample epitome or Index of the Rolls of Parliament. This laborious task Mr. Pridden executed in so minute and voluminous a manner that it occupied the last 30 years of his life, broke down his health, and embittered his existence.*

Mr. Pridden was twice married: 1. to Anne, eldest daughter of John Nichols, Esq. F.S.A.; she died in 1815: 2. to Anne, eldest dau. of Mr. Deputy Pickwood; she died in 1847. He had no children. He died April 5, 1825, in his 68th year, and was buried in the grave of his first wife, in Islington church-yard.†

P. 288, note. John Davidson, esq. of Hall Trees, writer to the Signet, and deputy keeper of the Signets, died at Edinburgh December 29, 1797.

* The Index of the Rolls was finally published under the supervision of Mr. Upham, and consists of a very large folio volume. Mr. Upham undertook the work in 1825, which he completed in 1832, and died Jan. 24, 1834. See memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1834, i. 336.

† A fuller account of Mr. Pridden will be found in the *Gent. Mag.* for May, 1825.

P. 312, note, omit "VIII. 312," and add "Index, VIII. p. 71."

P. 318. Dr. Hales died January 30, 1831.

P. 326, note. The Rev. John David Haslewood was preacher of Bedford and Margaret Street Chapels, Westminster. His style of preaching is criticised and approved of in the *European Magazine* for April, 1823, p. 327.

P. 330. Mrs. Jane West died at Little Bowden, near Market Harborough, at the venerable age of 93, March 25, 1852. In the letter to Bishop Percy, printed in pp. 329—331, she details the circumstances of her birth, and early studies; and many other particulars of her were noticed in the *Lit. Illust.*, see General Index, vol. VIII. p. 116; and the notice of her, vol. VII. p. 88. She married about the year 1780 Mr. Thomas West, a yeoman farmer, at Little Bowden, a relative of Admiral West, and of Gilbert West, author of the *Treatise on the Resurrection*, and whose maternal ancestors constituted an unbroken chain of rectors of Little Bowden for above 150 years. Mr. West died in 1823, in his 67th year. In Dec. 1821, Mrs. West lost her youngest son Edward. Thomas, the elder, (to whom she addressed her "Letters to a Young Man,") died at Northampton, April 10, 1843, aged 59.

Mrs. West's writings attained considerable celebrity at the early part of the present century. A list of her works may be seen in the *Gent. Mag.* for July, 1852, p. 106. They consist of eighteen different publications; and were commended by Bishop Percy, Dr. Robert Anderson of Edinburgh, and by Archdeacon Nares (see the Letters in *Lit. Illust.* vols. VII. and VIII.) A memoir of Mrs. West is given in *Gent. Mag.* July, 1852, pp. 99—101.

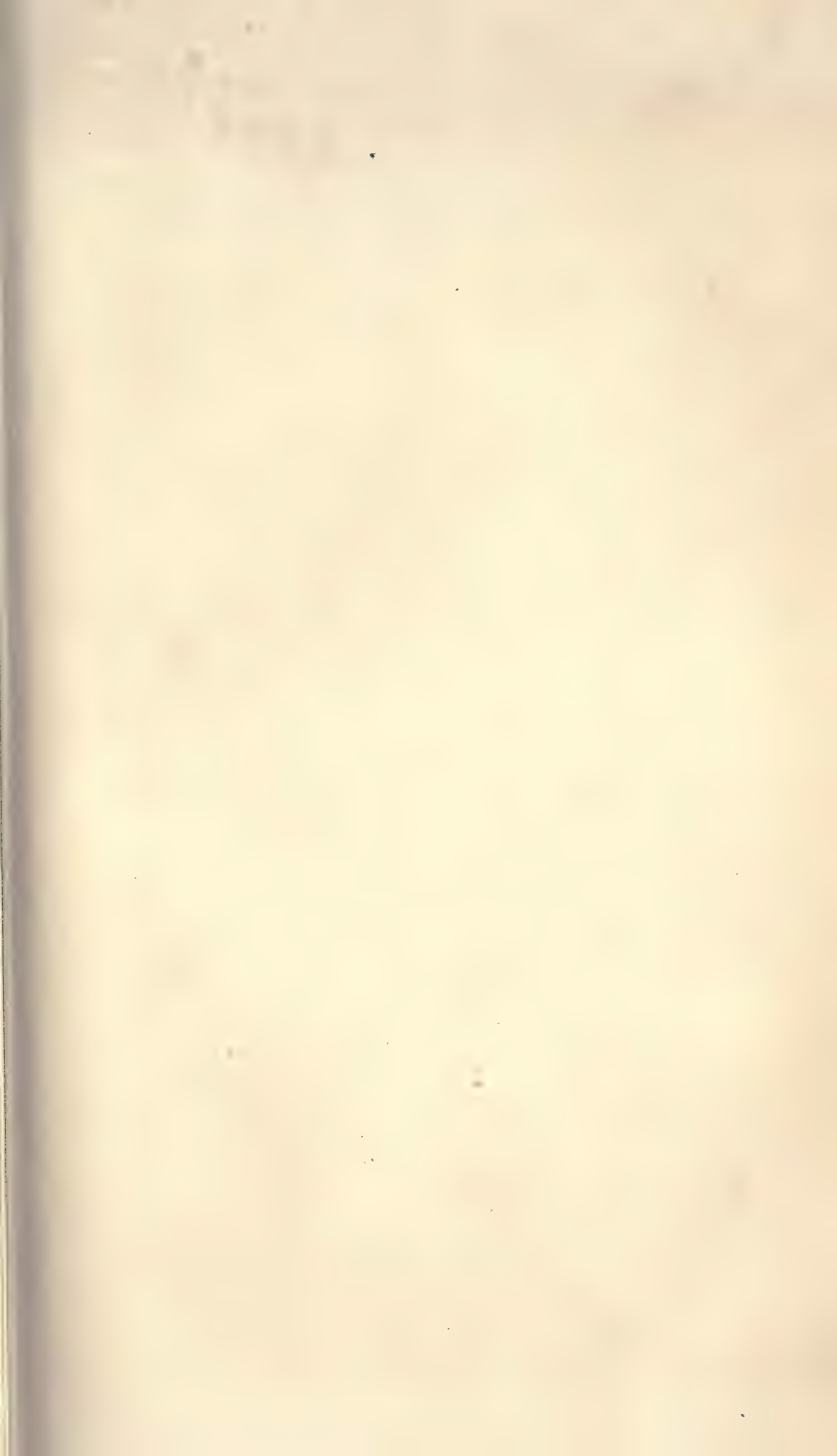
P. 346, note †, on Mr. Rodd, read thus: for "now," read "afterwards a highly respectable bookseller in Great Newport-street."

For the following excellent memoirs of the two booksellers Thomas Rodd, father and son, I am indebted to Mr. Horatio Rodd, the younger son of Mr. T. Rodd, senior; who also presented me with the private engraving of his father which accompanies the memoir.

"Mr. *Thomas Rodd* was a bookseller in Great Newport-street. He was the son of Charles Rodd of Liverpool, and of Alicant in Spain; was born in Bow-street, Covent Garden, in the house formerly inhabited by Justice Fielding,* next the police-office; was educated at the Charter House, under Dr. Berdmore, and finished his education at St. Quentin's in France. He afterwards resided three years in his father's counting-house at Alicant, where he imbibed his taste for Spanish literature. On his return to England he at first chiefly resided with his uncles, the Rev. E. Rouse, Rector of Welwyn,† Herts, and the Rev. W. Rouse,

* Justice Fielding was very fond of cards, and Mr. Rodd, by sorting the cards for the Justice (who, be it remembered, was, as Justice is depicted, blind), imbibed a love of cards, not from a propensity of gambling, which lasted him during life.

† "I have heard him say, on these visits he usually slept in the bedroom where Young the poet, Rector of Welwyn, used to sleep."—M. R.





THOMAS RODD

(Born in the Parish of S^t Paul Covent Garden Feb^y 17th 1763 Died at Clothall End Herts Nov^r 27 1822)

Engraved by B Reading from a pencil Sketch by A Wivell

Rector of Clophill, Bedfordshire. It was whilst on a visit to his uncle E. Rouse, at Welwyn, that Mr. Rodd met with his first wife Elizabeth Inskip, sister of the poet of that name, the intimate acquaintance of the poet Bloomfield,* and who still resides in the same town (Shefford) where lived 'The Farmer's Boy.' The mother of his wife was a Miss Handscomb, whose family had been for many generations opulent farmers at Clifton, Beds.

"Thomas Rodd, the father, was originally a gentleman of small fortune, and it was always his wish to enter the Church.† He sold his property at St. Lawrence Waltham, and with a large portion of the proceeds he purchased the secret of making imitation diamonds, rubies, garnets, amethysts, and every sort of precious stone, which business he commenced first at Sheffield in 1804-5, and afterwards he carried it on at London with considerable success, and to such an exquisite perfection had he brought it, that on two or three occasions stones of great value were brought to him to imitate. Mons. Francillon, a diamond merchant, brought him a very large black diamond, and a splendid emerald that was taken out of the hilt of Tippoo Saib's sword; after a few attempts the tints of both these stones were imitated to the satisfaction of Mons. Francillon, whose judgment was much relied on. About 1809, having collected a large quantity of books, and thinking he could carry on the trade of a bookseller as well as make his glass, he commenced by taking a shop in Great Newport-street, where he published a catalogue of about 2,000 numbers. This business increased so much as somewhat to interfere with the time of his son Thomas, whose almost constant care and attention were required at the furnace. When the act of Parliament was passed relative to the melting of glass, the whole of Mr. Rodd's stock of that material being seized upon by the officers of the Crown, for infringing a law he did not know to be in existence, he petitioned the Lords of the Treasury, and the fine was remitted. The act compelled all persons melting glass to take out a licence and pay for it 20*l.* per annum, also to pay a duty of 10*d.* per lb. for every pound melted, good or bad. The continual annoyance of the Excise at length compelled Mr. Rodd to give up the business, and attend only to the book trade, whilst numerous families, working goldsmiths, lapidaries, jewellers, and beadmakers were

* Bloomfield was buried not at Shefford, but in the neighbouring churchyard of Campton, where his gravestone, near the north-east angle of the chancel, was thus inscribed at the expense of the Ven. Henry Kaye Bonney, Archdeacon of Bedford: "Here lie the remains of ROBERT BLOOMFIELD. He was born at Honington in Suffolk, December 3, 1776, and died at Shefford, August 19, 1823. Let his wild native wood-notes tell the rest."

† His writings breathe the essence of piety; he was truly orthodox and a strict-going Churchman. His facility of writing sermons was so great, that a clergyman has been known to come into his shop and ask for a sermon on a particular text which he had not got, and be supplied by Mr. Rodd for a guinea, as it was urged by the divine that *he had not got time*. There is part of a sermon still extant that he sat up in his bed the last night he lived to write, taken from Exodus, chap. xx. verses 1 and 2. He also composed a prayer the night before his death.

thrown out of bread by this injudicious measure, and died in the utmost misery and want.

“ Mr. Rodd received from the Society of Arts the first premium of 20*l.* for planting Osiers, an account of which, with his calculations as to cost, &c. appeared in vol. XII. pp. 136 et seq. of the Society’s Transactions. An osier-bed on the Thames, near Chiswick, still bears his name.

“ Mr. Rodd, senior, was rather a voluminous author. His first publication was ‘The Theriad, an heroic-comic poem; to which are subjoined some miscellaneous Pieces and Notes, by a Young Gentleman. Lond. 1790.’ 12mo. pp. 135. To this little work is prefixed a list of subscribers, among whom are his master Dr. Berdmore, his uncles the Rev. E. Rouse and the Rev. W. Rouse, his brother-in-law Mr. Forster of Waltham St. Lawrence, and others of his relations. In 1800, when at Bath, he addressed a letter to Bp. Percy, informing him that he had lately translated ‘Las Guerras Civiles.’ (See p. 346 of this volume.) He was the author of ‘The Battle of Copenhagen, a Poem, 1798.’—‘Zuma, a Tragedy, translated from the French of Le Fevre, 1800,’ never acted.—‘Elegy on Francis Duke of Bedford. 4to. 1802.’—‘Elegiac Stanzas on the Rt. Hon. Charles James Fox. 4to. 1806.’—‘Tratado sobre el Granado Merino. Par D. Gulielmo Bowles; or, a Treatise on the Merino Sheep, and the fine Wools of Spain; rendered into English by E[dward D[avis], [Captain in the Navy], and T. R[odd]. 4to. 1811.’ It would be well for some of the modern theorists regarding waste lands to adopt some such plan as that suggested in the Preface to this useful little tract.—‘Civil Wars of Granada, Vol. I.’ A second volume was written, and three transcripts were left in his MS. but it was never printed.—‘History of Charles the Great and Orlando, ascribed to Archbishop Turpin; translated from the Latin in Spanheim’s Lives of Ecclesiastical Writers; together with the most celebrated ancient Spanish Ballads, relating to the Twelve Peers of France, mentioned in Don Quixote, with English Metrical Versions, 1812, 2 vols. 8vo.’—‘Sonnets, amatory, descriptive, and religious; Odes, Songs, and Ballads, 8vo. 1816.’—‘Ode on the Bones of the immortal Thomas Paine, newly translated from America to England by the no less immortal William Cobbett, Esq. 1819. 4to.’ Prefixed to this poem, is quoted ‘A Ballad in imitation of Chevy Chase, written on the Boston Riots, by his cousin John Marshall, Esq.’ brother of the Rev. Edward Marshall, of Charing, in Kent, one of the supposed authors of Junius’ Letters.—‘Continuation of Green’s Homer Travestied,’ which was never published.—‘A Sermon on the Holy Trinity,’ by Thomas Rodd, in answer to the Rev. T. Belsham’s introductory Sermon called “The Progress of Error,” preached in Essex Street Chapel, 1806.’ 4to. 1822. This is dedicated to Archdeacon Pott, Vicar of St. Martin’s-in-the-Fields.

“ As a bookseller he was assisted by his two sons, Thomas and Horatio Rodd. On the younger becoming of age they for a short

time left their father, and opened another shop on their own account; but this partnership was dissolved in about two years, when the elder, Thomas, returned to his father, and the younger son, Horatio, directed his attention to pictures and prints. In 1821 the father retired from business, having been attacked by a paralytic stroke a few years previous. By a second wife Mr. Rodd had three children; and died at Clothall End, near Baldock, Nov. 27, 1822, aged 59.

"Mr. *Thomas Rodd*, the eldest son, died at Great Newport Street, April 23, 1849, in his 53rd year. He was born, Oct. 9, 1796, at Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks, where his father then resided, and had some property. He was always a very studious steady youth. At the early age of nine he commenced his career of usefulness and industry. His father having sold his property at Waltham St. Lawrence, and having embarked the proceeds in making coloured glass, employed his son to pound the glass into a very fine powder and carry it in 10 or 12 lbs. at a time from Holborn to Webber Row, Blackfriars Road, when it was put into a furnace with the various ingredients necessary to colour it. This was a very nice operation, and attended with injury to young Rodd's health, contracting his sinews, and to this is to be attributed his right knee being bent inwards.

"Mr. Rodd never had any education but what he derived from his father, and his own perseverance in studying amongst his father's books, which afforded him both employment and instruction. His memory was remarkably retentive. It was cultivated from an early period of his life, and he seldom forgot the appearance of any copy of a work he had once seen. This faculty, from constant practice, seemed to strengthen with his age, for up to the last week of his life he remembered almost every work he had ever handled, as though it were daguerreotyped on his brain. When called to value or arrange libraries at different periods, he would miss works he had formerly seen therein; and many works have been thus recovered to their owners that had been lent, stolen, or were sent to the binders. It is not to be wondered at that he thus became one of the best bibliographers of his age, to which his copious and well-digested classed Catalogues will bear ample testimony; and the constant applications for advice, with which he was honoured from the most eminent literary men of the day, will attest his knowledge of books, and the respect his friends and customers entertained for his opinion.

"There is little doubt that Mr. Rodd's last Catalogue will be preserved by Bibliographers. Without pretensions to strict classification, it will be found to describe those works especially which are most the object of inquiry at the present day. Part I. contains Theology, Ecclesiastical History, and Canon Law; with Metaphysics and Moral Philosophy, Education, &c. Part II. Jurisprudence and Political Economy; including Government and Law, British Parliament and Constitution, Statistics, Trade, Finance, Corn Laws, Population, Poor Laws, &c. Part III. Arts and Sciences, and Natural History. Part IV. Elegant Literature

and Language; Grammars, Vocabularies, Glossaries, and Dictionaries in all languages. English Poetry: Works of the Poets and Dramatists, History of Poetry, Biography of Poets, and Poetical Criticism; Theatrical History and Biography.—Miscellaneous: Prose Miscellanies, Romances and Novels, Facetiæ, Polygraphs, Philology, Criticism, Literary History, and Bibliography. Part V. Historical Literature: consisting of Antiquities, Voyages, and Travels, History of various Countries; Topography, Heraldry, Family History, and Biography. Such was Mr. Rodd's plan in forming his Catalogue: the extent of his stock is shown by the list consisting of upwards of 50,000 articles.

"Mr. Rodd seldom appeared in print, except in his judicious Catalogues; but occasionally he was compelled to publish a tract or two in defence of his character when unjustly attacked. In 1832 he published 'A Statement of the affair in Piccadilly, and the proceedings at the Police Office, Marlborough Street, between John Hayes and Lord John Scott (brother to the Duke of Buccleuch), and Lord John Scott and Thomas Rodd, May 12, 1832.' In this quarrel Mr. Rodd appears to great advantage, having interfered to protect a young man he saw ill-used: and he gives the following as the reasons for publishing the explanatory statement: 'As his business of a bookseller brings him more frequently than persons of other occupations in contact with gentlemen of respectability and talent, it requires that the individual exercising it should scrupulously keep his character free from evil imputation; and my connections in this business, which I am proud to say have in many instances grown into personal friendship, render it necessary for me to step forward in vindication of myself, to convince those gentlemen and my fellow-tradesmen that I am not a person likely to engage wantonly in a street brawl, or to refuse a suitable apology if in a moment of excitement I had injured the feelings of Lord John Scott, or the meanest of my fellow-subjects.'

"In 1845 he printed a 'Narrative of the Proceedings instituted in the Court of Common Pleas against Mr. Thomas Rodd, for the purpose of wresting from him a certain Manuscript Roll, under pretence of its being a Document belonging to that Court; and of the trouble and expense to which he has been put in defending his character and property.' The subject contended for in this action was 'A Roll on Vellum, said to be the Filazer's Roll of the Court of Common Pleas, of John Pitt, 23 Elizabeth; [valued by Mr. Rodd at 1*l.* 4*s.*]' Mr. Rodd says, 'The arbitrary and unjustifiable proceedings instituted against me in the Common Pleas for the purpose of wresting from me this Roll, under the pretence of its being a document belonging to that Court,—the trouble, loss of time, and enormous expense I have been put to in resisting this claim, and the refusal to me of payment of the costs, and of all recompense, when my right was fully acknowledged, have determined me to lay a statement of the whole affair before the public. I am induced to do so by the consideration that, in thus defending my private property, I am defending

the rights of the public; that I shew the shameful destruction of the records of the country by the Government at one time, and its wasteful expenditure of the public money in getting them back at another; and, above all, that I expose the proceedings of persons whom it employs, or who shield themselves under its name and authority. Supposing this Roll upon my death had been put up to auction, and the same parties had claimed it, what would have been the consequence? My executors, in ignorance of the manner in which I had become possessed of it, not daring to resist the claim, and not feeling entitled to put my estate to the expense of defending it, would in all probability have given it up; thus my estate would have been robbed, and I should have had a slur upon my memory. It will be said that I am putting an extreme case: my answer is, *SUCH A CASE HAS HAPPENED.*

"We believe Government were so convinced of their mistake as finally to give back to Mr. Rodd a good portion of his expenses. It was very ill-judged to select Mr. Rodd for prosecution, as he was the person who had given the British Museum the first intimation of the Exchequer Records being on public sale as autographs. Eight tons' weight of documents had been sold to a fishmonger named Jay, for 70*l.* after 400*l.* had been spent on the mutilation of them; and Mr. Rodd observes, 'that, if sold by auction, the sum produced would be nearer 7,000*l.* than 70*l.* Of the loss occasioned thereby to History and Biography, I leave others to judge.'

"Mr. Rodd had left home in the morning of April the 23rd as well as usual, and in excellent spirits, in order to make some researches at the British Museum, and transact business with the librarians. Whilst there, he was seized with paralysis, losing the power of speech and motion. He was immediately conveyed home, shortly became insensible, and died the same evening, all endeavours to check the disorder proving ineffectual.

"In the death of this amiable man the literary world sustains a loss that will not be easily repaired. Mr. Rodd joined to a most extensive knowledge of books, manners the most unpretending and obliging. His ready kindness in imparting the stores of information he possessed will be acknowledged by all who have had occasion to apply to him; whilst the strict integrity of his conduct, and the total absence of everything like exorbitance or overreaching in his mode of transacting business, had gained him a high character both in this country and on the continent, and procured for him a most extensive and important trade. Both the Bodleian Library and the British Museum owe to Mr. Rodd's exertions the recent acquisition of many treasures; and the noble library lately formed at Queen's College by the munificence of the late Dr. Mason is mainly indebted to his knowledge and personal superintendence for one of the most select collections of printed books ever brought together, and from which a just estimate may be formed of his good taste and sound judgment as a bibliographer. We may add that Mr. Rodd numbered among his acquaintance many of the most distinguished literary

characters in this kingdom,* as a proof of which the late Mr. Grenville was in constant communication with him, and Mr. Douce bequeathed him a legacy in token of his regard. In this University, where he was well known and most highly respected, he was received rather as a personal friend than a man of business, and his loss will be felt and acknowledged by very many who enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance and knew his worth."—*Oxf. Herald*.

"Mr. Rodd was not only one of the least ostentatious, but most benevolent of men; his acts of kindness and liberality were numerous, although unknown except to the parties who were indebted to him for assistance. Mr. Rodd was married, but left no children. His remains were interred in the Highgate cemetery on 28th April."

P. 357. John Heysham, esq. M.D. of St. Cuthbert's Lane, Carlisle, an active county magistrate, and well known by his statistical observations, died in that city some time in March 1834, at the age of eighty-one years. He was buried in St. Mary's church, and in commemoration of him a memorial window has been placed at the east end of the south aisle of the cathedral.

P. 374. Dr. Butson was in early life one of the under-masters of Westminster School. (See also Beloe's Sexagenarian, ii. 176.)

P. 383. The Rev. George Somers Clarke died at Chelmsford, February 4, 1837, aged 80.

P. 397, note. The gentleman mentioned was not the Rev. Thomas Thirlwall; but the Rev. Mr. Robson, of Whitechapel.

P. 409. Sir Richard Colt Hoare, Bart. an eminent patron of letters and arts, and a voluminous author, died at his seat at Stourhead May 19, 1838, in his 80th year. He left his estates to the male heir of his father Sir Richard Hoare, the first Baronet; and the library, pictures, and museum as heir-looms to the owners of Stourhead. A Catalogue of the Library was made by Mr. J. B. Nichols in the year 1838, and 50 copies were printed at the expense of the executors, the late Henry Merrik Hoare, Esq. and Henry Charles Hoare, Esq. A monumental statue of Sir Richard Hoare, by Lucas, has been erected in Salisbury Cathedral. Ample memoirs of him will be found in his "History of Modern Wiltshire," and prefixed to the "Stourhead Catalogue;" and in the Gentleman's Magazine, New Series, vol. x. pp. 96, 346; and in vol. xxxii. p. 393, see some agreeable notices of his Antiquarian Club, written by the Rev. Joseph Hunter, now V.P.S.A. He was succeeded in the estates by his eldest half-brother Sir Henry Hugh Hoare, Bart. who died Aug. 17, 1841, and he was succeeded by his eldest son, Sir Hugh Richard Hoare, who died January 10, 1857. The estates are now in the possession of Sir Henry Ainslie Hoare, Bart., the only son of the late Henry Charles Hoare, Esq. who died in Jan. 1852. Henry Merrik Hoare, Esq. the other executor of Sir Richard Colt Hoare, died June 22, 1856. He married Sophia, third daughter

* Lord Campbell has paid him a great compliment in his "Lives of the Chancellors."

of Henry Thrale, Esq. the friend of Dr. Johnson. Her monument, by Flaxman, is in Streatham church, Surrey. They had no issue. Of Sir R. C. Hoare notices will be found in Lit. Anecd. Index, VII. 182, 593; Lit. Illustr. Index, VIII. 54.

P. 411, l. 9, add note: "The Lines alluded to are Verses by Mr. Cumberland on the Marriage of Miss Sackville to Mr. Herbert, first inserted in Gent. Mag. 1782, p. 253; and again, enlarged, in 1783, p. 432. See Mr. Jones's remarks on them in Gent. Mag. 1811, i. p. 207."

P. 417, l. 1, add note: "Dr. Patrick Graham was minister of Aberfoyle. He published 'Essay on the Authenticity of the Poems of Ossian, in which the objections of Malcolm Laing are considered and refuted. To which is added, An Essay on the Mythology of Ossian's Poems, by Professor Richardson, of Glasgow College, 1808.' 8vo. Reviewed, with Mr. Laing's Edition of Ossian's Poems, in Monthly Review for Dec. 1810, p. 337."

P. 432, l. 11 from bot. Mrs. H. Tighe died March 24, 1819.

P. 445. Add to vol. I. p. 657, l. 18. The fourth wife of the Rev. William Cole, of Milton, was Margaret, seventh daughter of Henry Greene, of Wykin, co. Warwick, esq. who married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Sir Rowland Berkeley of Cotheridge, co. Worc.; whose eldest son, Rowland Greene, took the name of Berkeley, and became the owner of Cotheridge.

P. 447, l. 6 from bot. for "1728," r. "1778."—Line 12 from bot. r. "18th century."—P. 448, l. 1, for "Mr. H. Caslon," r. "Mrs."

P. 454, note on "Mr. William Emonson," r. "Mr. James Emonson is here alluded to; 'Bill' is a disguise."

P. 457, l. 20, add comma after "believed."—P. 462, l. 22, r. "May."—Ibid. l. 28, for "1829," r. "1850."

P. 463, l. 27, add "Mr. T. Miller, of Halesworth, died June, 1807, aged 84.

P. 465, l. 5 from bottom, for "Nov. 28," r. "Feb. 22."

P. 467, l. 27, for "Whitby," r. "Whixley."

P. 470, l. 13 from bottom. Mr. J. Walker died Feb. 21, 1817.

P. 473, l. 26, Mr. T. Brown was "upper" warden in 1857.

P. 474, l. 4 from bottom, for "May 15," r. "May 16;" l. 5 from bottom, for "under May 28, 1850," r. "p. 447."

P. 479, l. 5, for "Volunteer's Companion," r. "Soldier's Companion;" and for "100,000," r. "200,000." Col. Lane was the son of a poulterer in Whitechapel, and commenced business as a bookseller in half of his father's shop. He was active in establishing circulating libraries in all parts of England for the sale of his novels; and was for many years his own traveller.

P. 482, l. 10 from bottom, for "John," r. "James Ridgway"

P. 488, l. 15 from bottom, for "Works," r. "Bibliographical Decameron." Dr. Dibdin calls Mr. *Leigh* the *Rafaele* of Auctioneers, as *Jack Lochée* was the *Parmigiano*. Mr. *John Lochée*, a partner with Mr. *Thomas King*, Book Auctioneer, King Street, Covent Garden, died Dec. 8, 1815. See memoir of him by the Rev. Weeden Butler, junior, in Gent. Mag. 1815, ii. 571. See Lit. Anecd. III. 645; and Index, VII. 216.

P. 491, l. 10, of Mr. H. Setchell see in this vol. p. 518.

P. 501. Of Stephen Jones see more in *Literary Anecdotes*, VII. 207, 605; and in Britton's "*Reminiscences*," vol. i.

P. 507, l. 18 from bot. Of Mr. Petteward, see this vol. p. 579.

P. 512. John Arch died in Vassall Road, Kennington, in the autumn of 1853, aged 87.

P. 514, l. 21. This notice of Mr. Jenour to be omitted.

P. 528, l. 5 from bottom, for "M.P." r. "M.D."

P. 553, l. 14. Susanna, widow of T. F. Forster, Esq. died Nov. 30, 1857, at Instow Parsonage, Devon.

P. 562, l. 3. The proposals here spoken of were probably those issued by the Rev. Richard Poole; see p. 447 of this volume.

P. 564, l. ult., add to note: "The third vol. of Mr. Polwhele's '*Biographical Sketches in Cornwall*' is wholly occupied by memoirs and correspondence of Rev. John Whitaker."

P. 570. Anthony Highmore, Esq. grandson of Joseph Highmore the painter, was author of several works, and a constant and valuable correspondent of the *Gentleman's Magazine*. He died July 19, 1829. See memoir of him in *Gent. Mag.* 1829, ii. 180.

P. 596, l. 6 from bottom. The letter on the nature of Jet was by Dr. John Fothergill. Dr. A. Fothergill died May 11, 1813.

P. 598, l. 14, for "Barrington," r. "Berrington."

P. 605, l. 13, for "British Monachism," r. "Foreign Topography," forming the third volume of "*Encyclopædia of Antiquities*."

P. 621. James Brown, Esq. F.S.A. author of "*The History of Stoke Newington*," 1782, was a valuable correspondent to the *Gentleman's Magazine*, and to the *Literary Anecdotes*. See Index, VII. 51, 522; Lit. Illust. III. 782; and Index to the Additions in vol. VIII. He was the friend of the celebrated John Howard, Richard Gough, and John Nichols. In 1802 he printed an *Account of the Charitable Benefactions to St. Peter's Parish, at St. Alban's*; and in 1807 drew up an *Account of the Abbey of St. Alban's*, which was incorporated with that published by the Society of Antiquaries in 1810. He possessed the strictest integrity, unaffected piety, and exalted but unostentatious benevolence. Few persons were more universally esteemed, or more sincerely lamented. He died Jan. 19, 1839, aged 88. See memoirs of him and of his father J. Brown, Esq. *Gent. Mag.* 1839, i. 322.

[*LITERARY ANECDOTES*, vol. VI. pp. 326, note, and 329, note. These Tapestry Maps are now in the Lecture Room of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society at York. They have the history printed in pp. 329, 330, attached to them, with this addition, "They were purchased by the late Earl of Orford, who presented them to Earl Harcourt, on whose death they came to the Archbishop of York, who presented them to the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, 1827." So Mr. Nichols must have been mistaken about Mr. Gough having them, or their going to the Bodleian Library.]

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